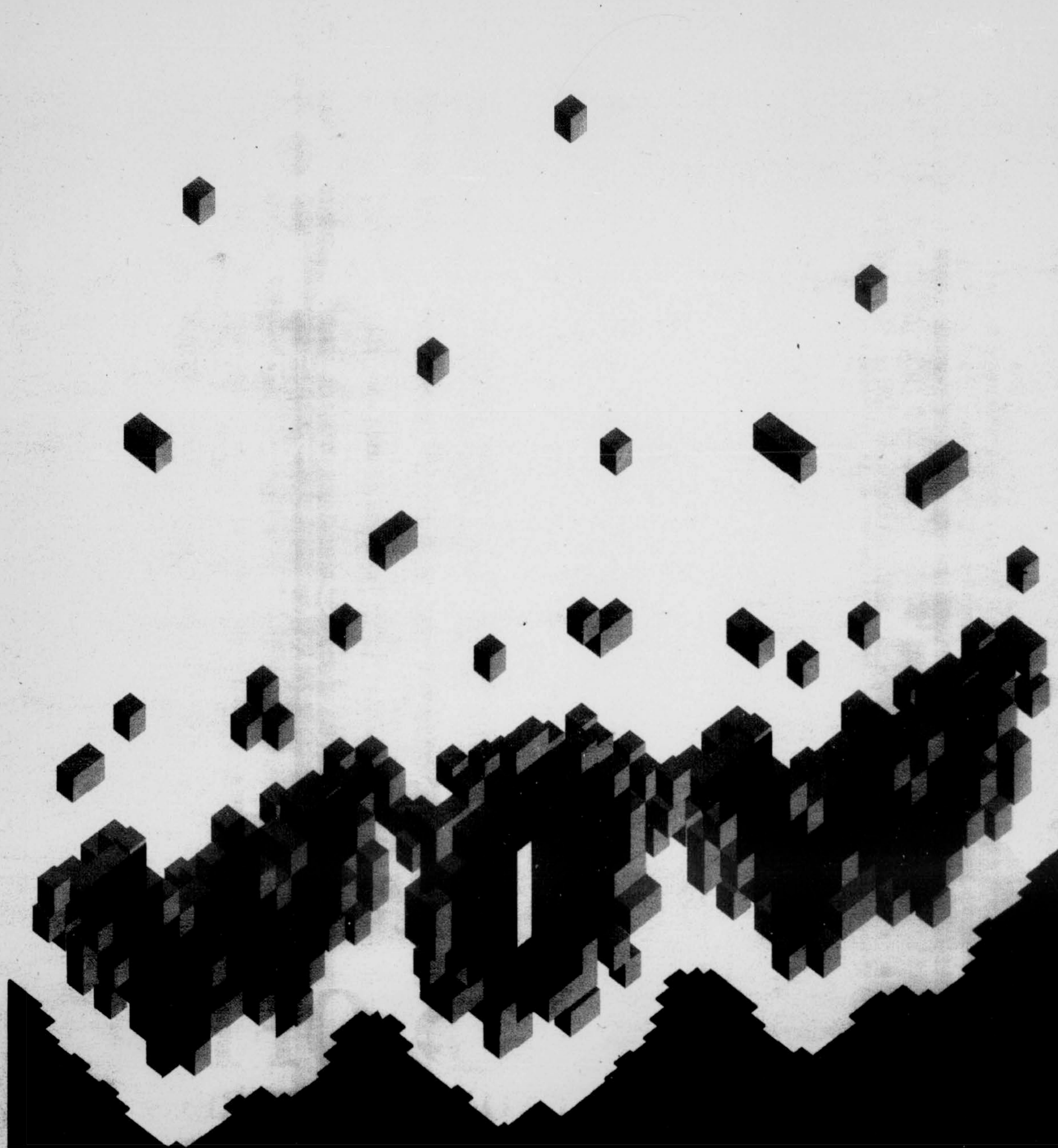


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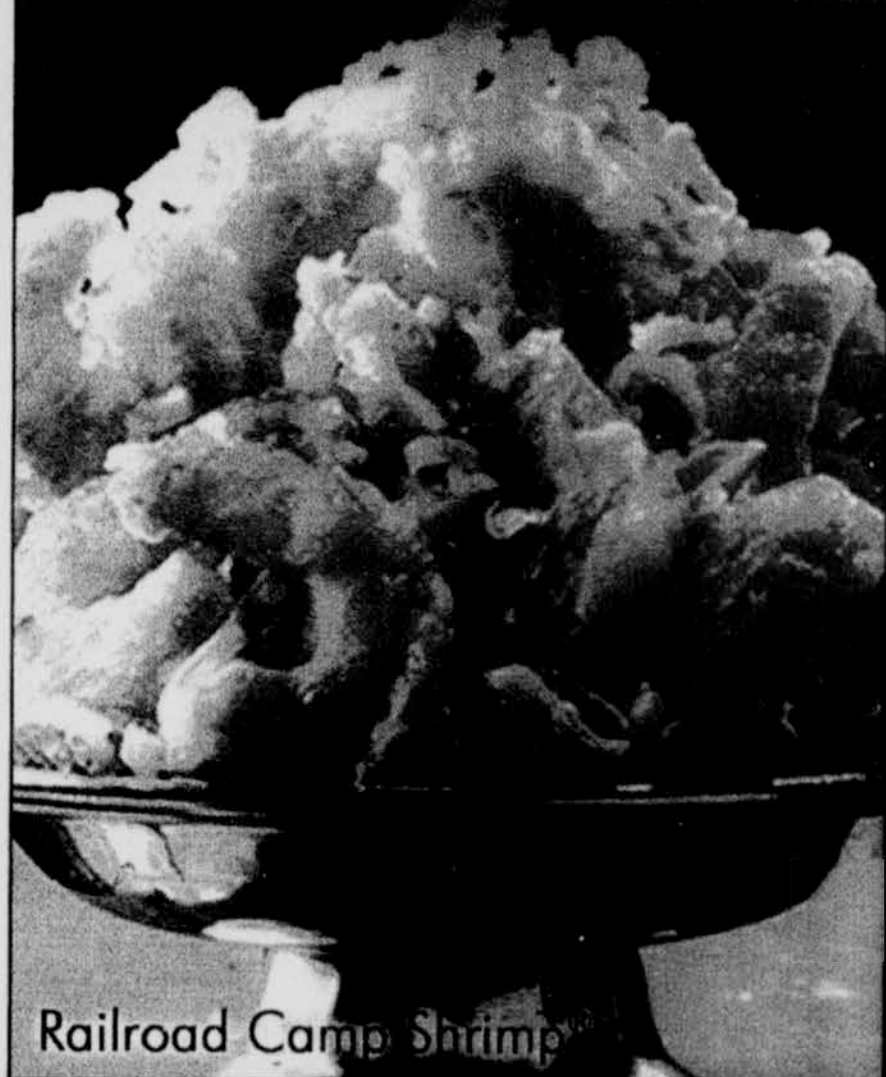
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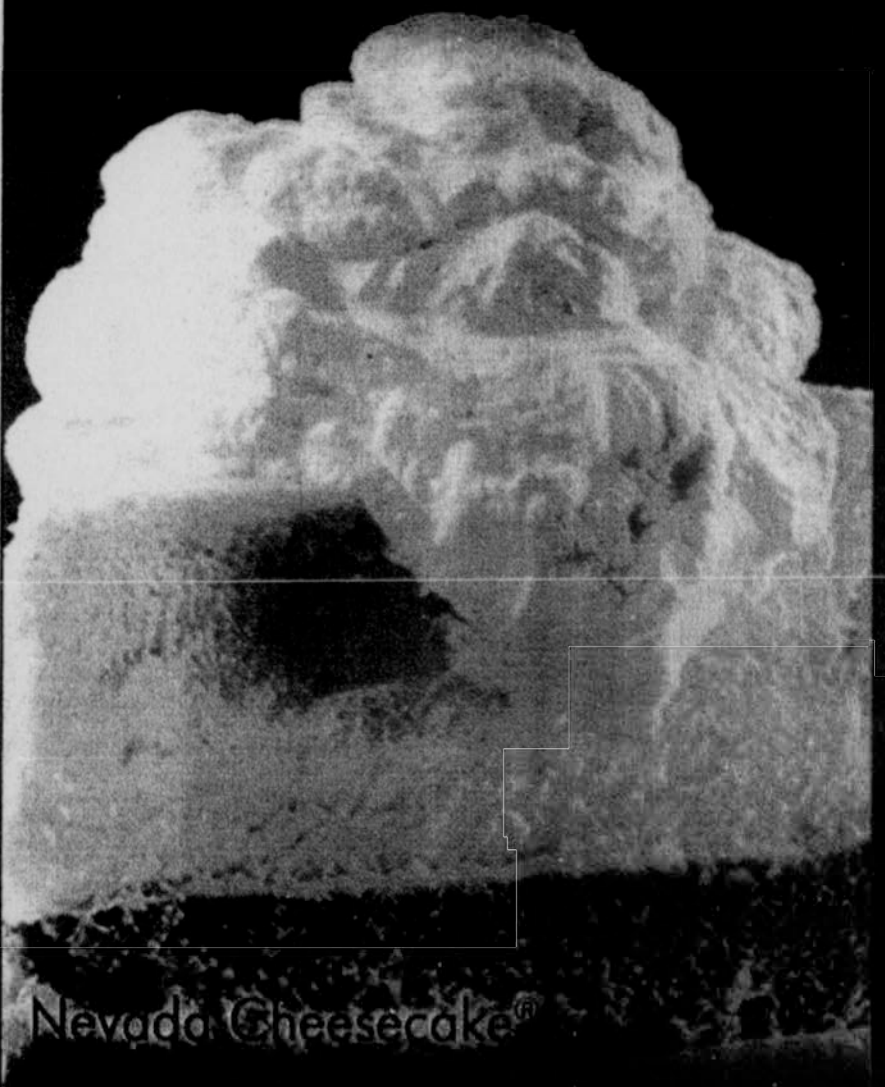
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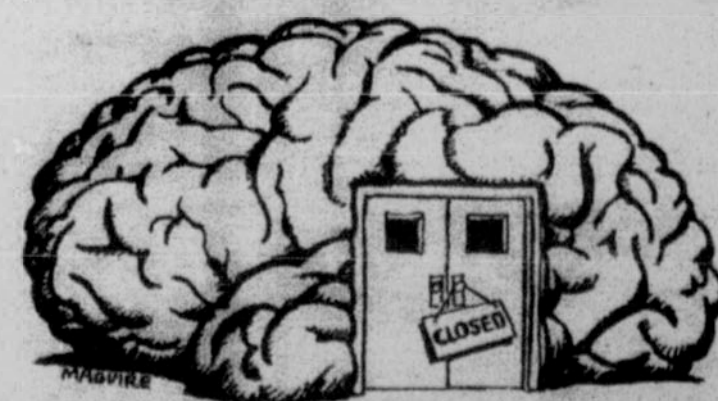
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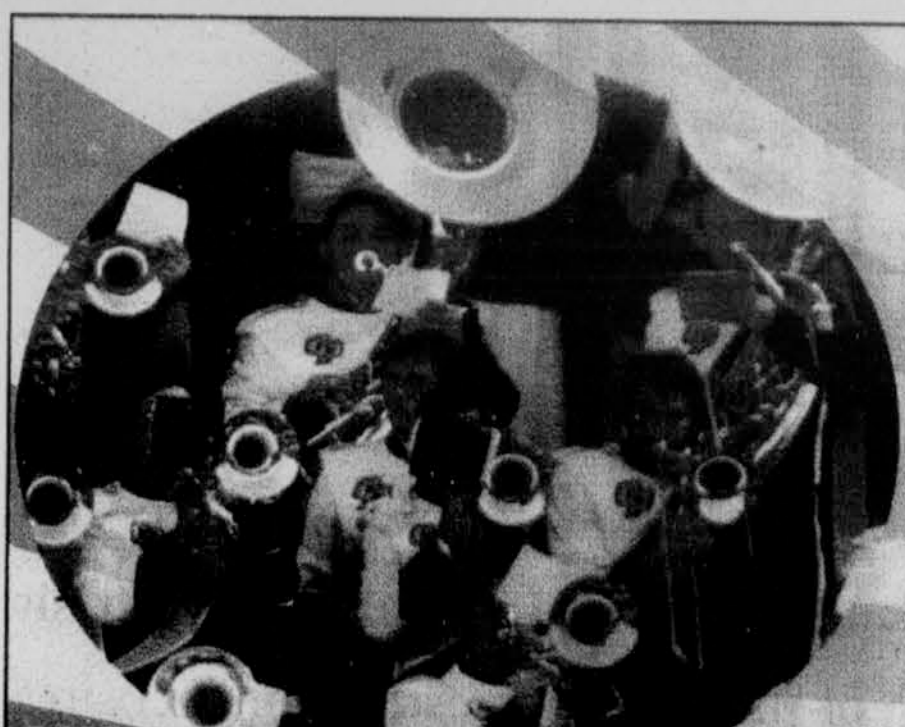
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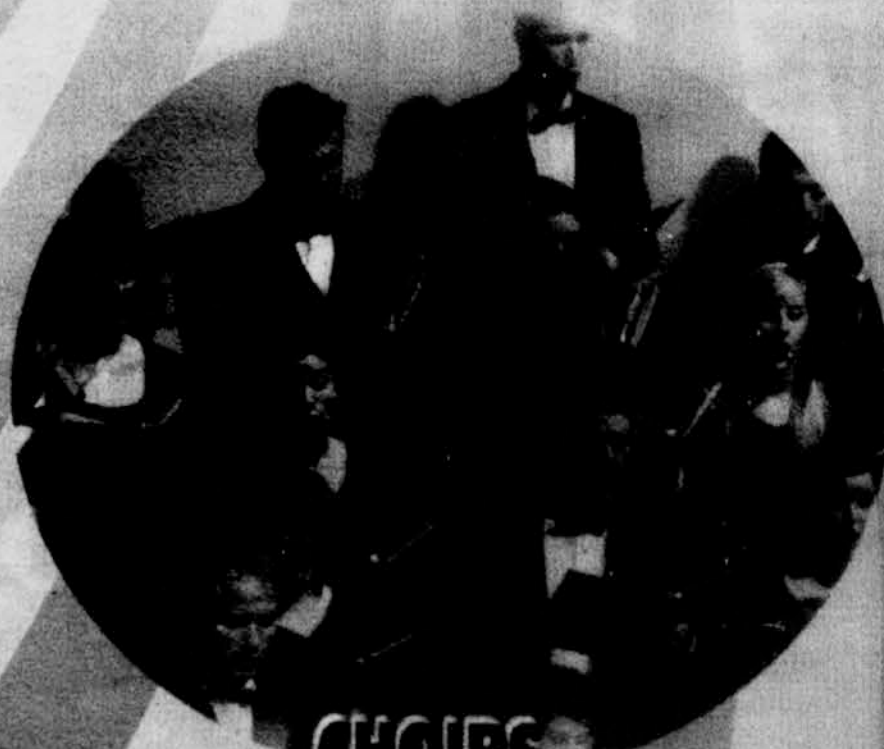
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# How WOW got its big break

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Week of Welcome, more commonly known as WOW, has come a long way since its start. Over the years WOW has not only become a tradition at Cal Poly — for many, it has become a way of life.

Cal Poly was founded in 1901 and has always featured an orientation program. It is seen as a way for new students to ease their transition into life at Cal Poly.

"WOW is an initial push out of your comfort zone. It's about starting a new chapter in your life and realizing that you're not the only one in that boat," said Evan Ruhwedel, Executive Board member and recent graphic communications graduate.

An increase of enrollment over time brought about an increase in participation and the program developed into "Welcome Week" in 1956. Originally, this week was designed to train a team of student leaders, which generally consisted of club leaders and members of student government.

"One of the key areas that has evolved is growth in participation. With the rise in new student participation, we have also experienced a rise in interest of our student leaders," said Andrene Kaiwi-Lenting, assistant director of Student Life and Leadership.

According to the WOW website, the program began as a week-long event with a two day retreat, called "Welcome Round-Up Camp," at Camp Pinecrest and Camp Ocean Pines in Cambria. Bonding activities included ping-pong, volleyball, baseball, dances and discussions. WOW groups on average had 30 new students, or WOWies, and four leaders.

The 1960s were essential to WOW and set many of the standards that are still around today, such as smaller groups with only two Orientation Leaders, meeting times and campus knowledge quizzes.

"Although helping new students have a smooth transition has been the main catalyst of our program, we have been more proactive in our leadership training to prepare our leaders to be advocates of the program's objectives and goals," Kaiwi-Lenting said.

Kaiwi-Lentig said the program is always evolving to better itself and more efficiently meet the needs of new students.

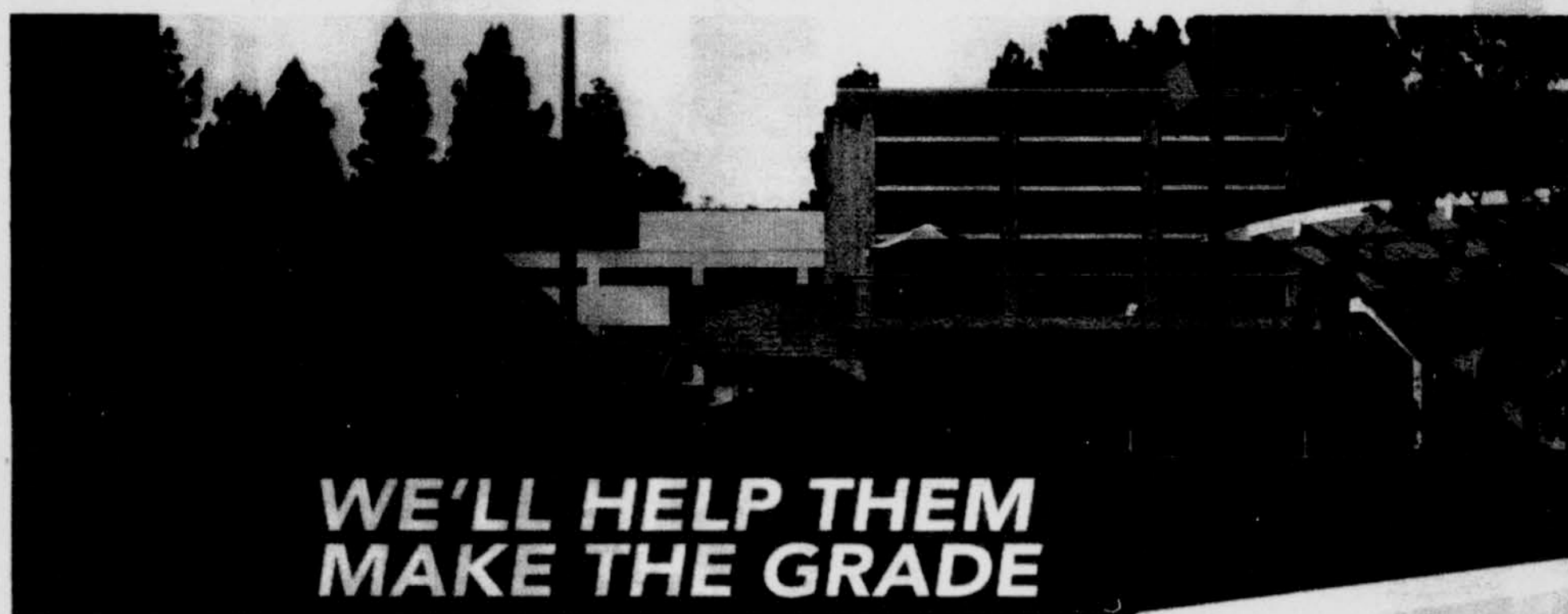
"Orientation programs, especially WOW, have always been progressive in implementing new approaches to some very common topics and issues," Kaiwi-Lenting said. "WOW is not timid about being innovative."

## Meet the Staff

There are six Executive Board members, 61 WOW Team members, 680 Orientation Leaders and thousands of hours of volunteer work that go into planning WOW. According to the WOW staff, it is the largest student-run orientation program in the nation.



Leaders participate in many team-building events in preparation for WOW.



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Cal Poly's WOW is so big that the reputation precedes it — people now who we are," said Hillary Caudle, Executive Board member and recent art and design graduate.

Each year the executive board attends the National Orientation Directors Association conference to collaborate with other student leaders from all over the nation. Cal Poly's WOW stands out as one of the more distinguished orientation programs at the conference and has been used as a model for other university orientation programs.

WOW is now structured into three student leadership tiers: the Executive Board, WOW Team and Orientation Leaders.

sary knowledge.

"A lot of times people don't realize how much programming goes into getting students the information they need," Caudle said.

**"It's more than just doing it for the sake of doing it."**

Students spend nearly 100,000 hours every year planning and organizing WOW. What's more: all of this time is volunteer work.

"Everyone involved makes a conscious choice to give their time. Nobody is forced to be there. Everyone is there for the benefit of someone else," said Charlotte Cashell-Varga, WOW Team member and history senior. "Most people get involved to benefit the transition of the new freshman class and transfers and find that they are rewarded in the

**Anyone who approaches WOW with an open mind, ready to learn, ready to share, it will help them find their place.**

— Andrene Kaiwi-Lentig

Assistant Director of Student Life and Leadership

The Executive Board is made up of six student volunteers that put in approximately 20 hours per week throughout the school year. Each member is assigned to a committee, on top of a handful of other responsibilities, such as building a mutually beneficial relationship between WOW and the community, planning events for the week, creating training programs and overseeing the orientation program.

"Our WOW program is very structured, intentional and planned. There is a lot of front work that goes into WOW," Kaiwi-Lentig said. "Who better to (plan this program) than students, for students?"

Members of WOW Team are also assigned to committees to assist the executive board. While all team members undergo the same training, some are part of the production crew and the others are facilitators. Production crew members create training materials and help with projects for their assigned committees, while the facilitators train and lead a group of student leaders. Production crew members also assist facilitators with their groups.

After the student leaders (or leaders in training) fulfill their training, they graduate and become Orientation Leaders. The Orientation Leaders work in groups of two to welcome freshmen and transfer students and provide them with neces-

process."

Many of the students think the benefits of being a volunteer far outweigh their time spent.

"I like volunteering because it gives me a lot of things to do and so many things to be a part of. For me, it's more than doing it just for the sake of doing it," said Paul Banel, Orientation Leader and electrical engineering senior.

Recently Banel turned to his fellow WOW leaders to ask for help with a 5K run he is organizing for the Cal Poly Trail Runners club and immediately received several e-mails from eager WOW volunteers. Banel said the members of WOW have been a great support system for him.

"Everyone that does WOW loves to help others," he said.

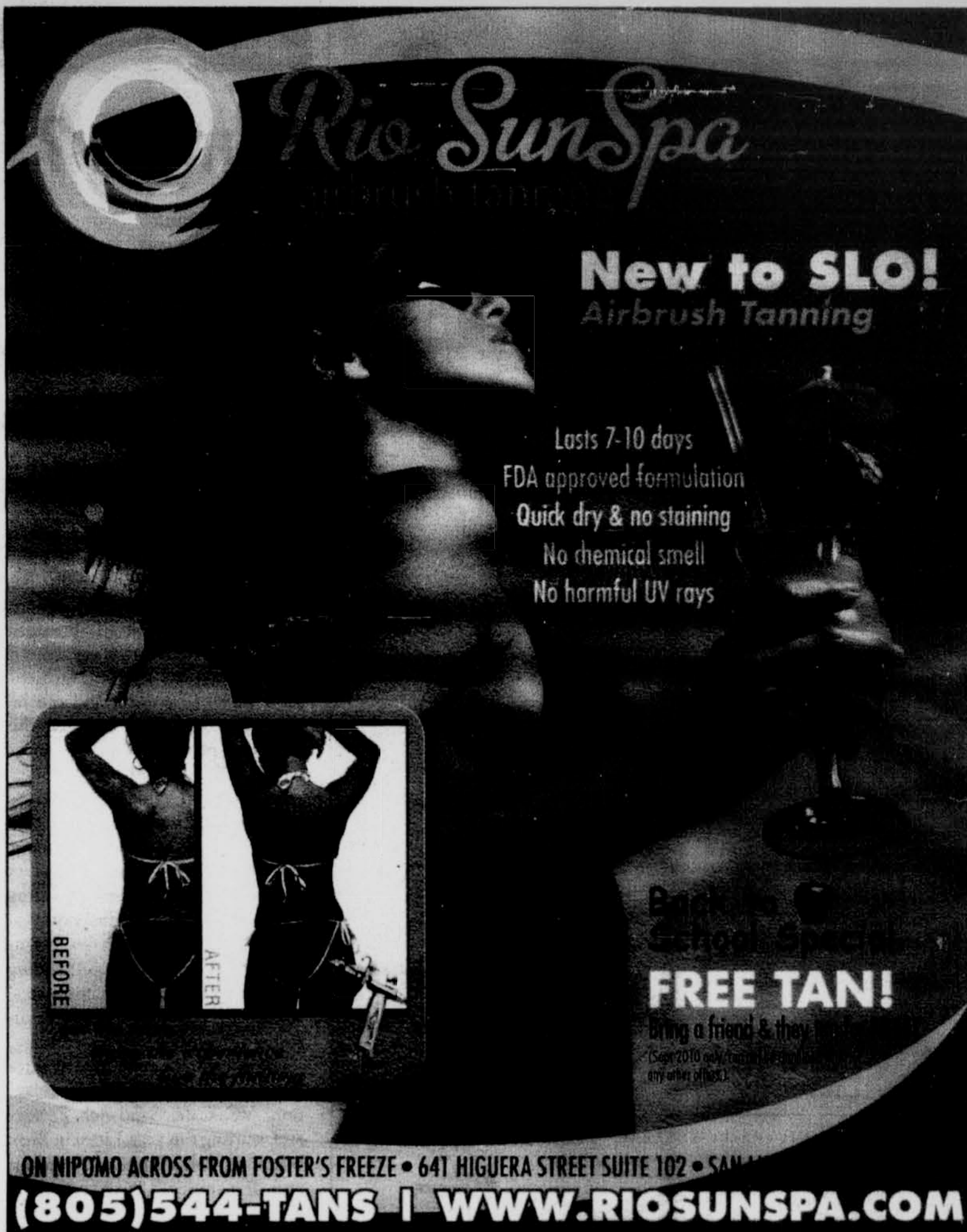
The volunteers learn the importance of inclusiveness, helping others, and much more throughout their training, but for many the biggest benefit is getting to know oneself on a deeper level.

"It's a great way to develop as a leader, to see yourself evolve and become more comfortable with who you are, and also seeing others go through that too," Caudle said.

WOW is unique to Cal Poly and a gateway into the university life for freshmen and transfer students.

"All I know is that there is nothing like WOW," Ruhwedel said.

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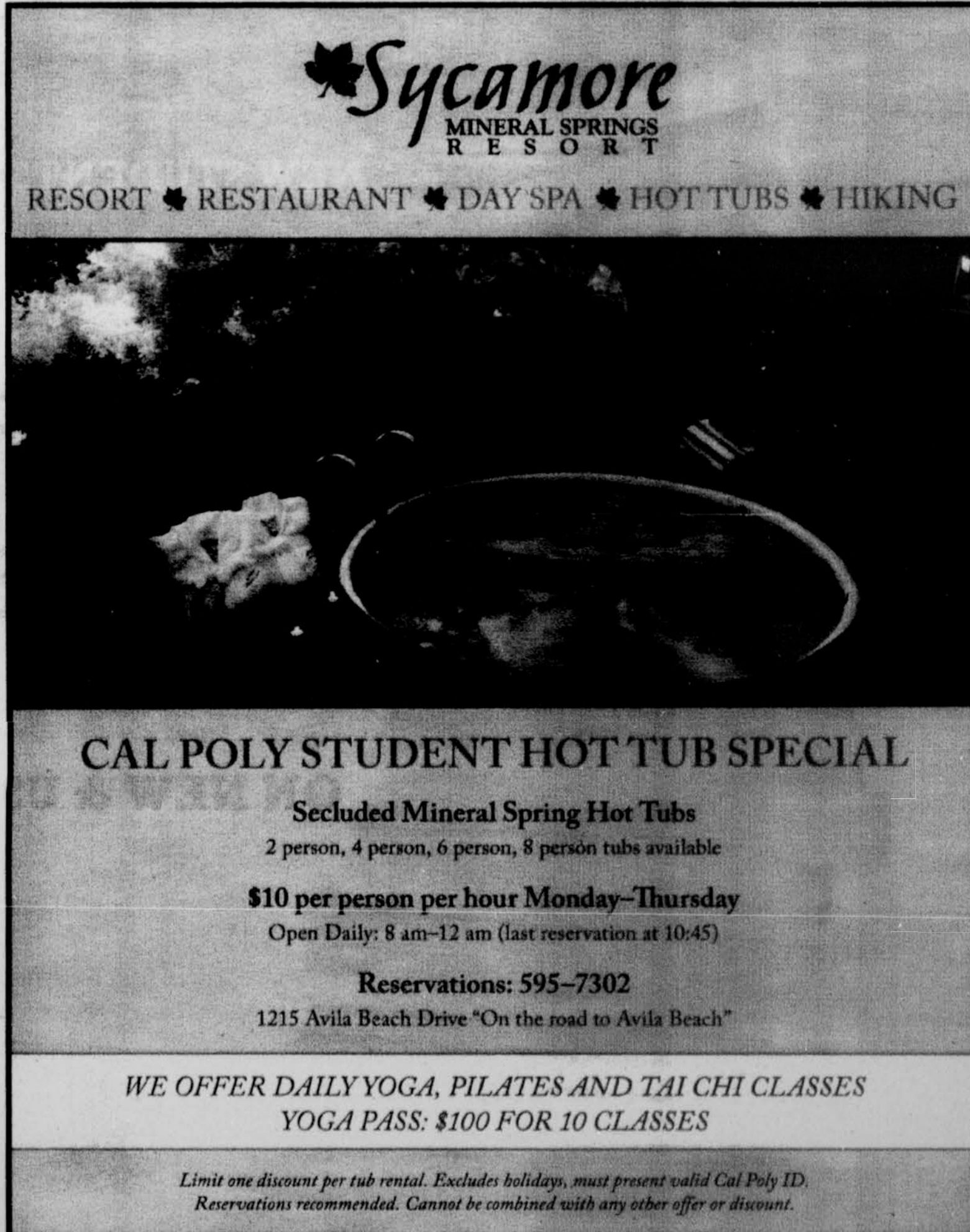
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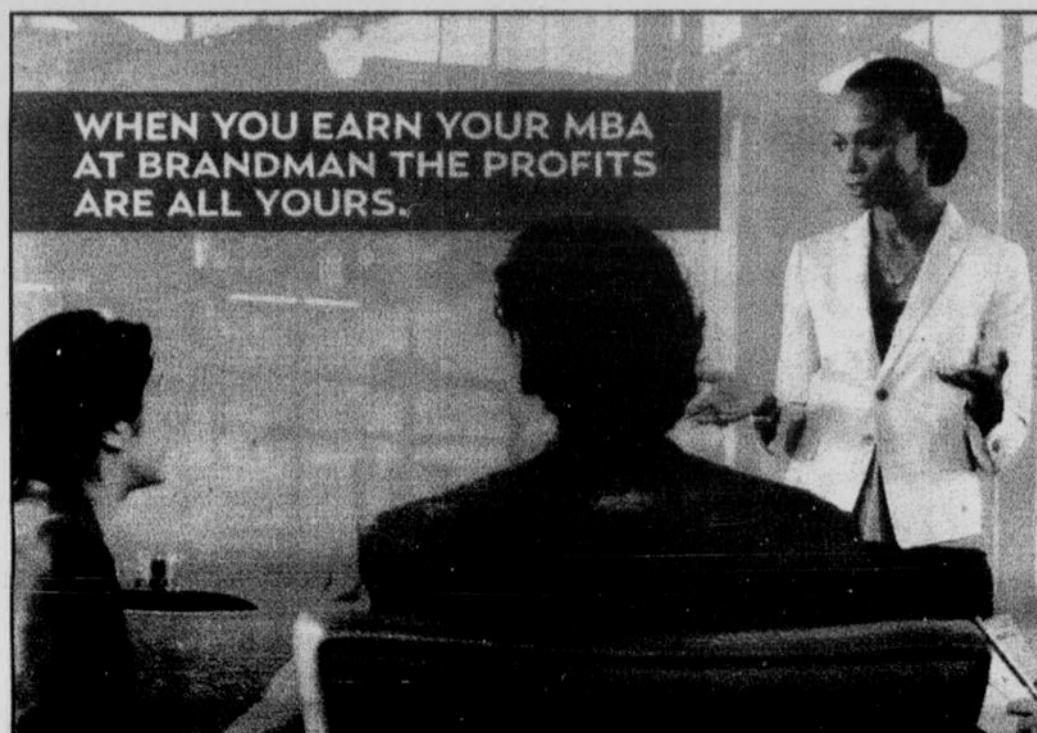
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The Freedom Plan includes eight meal credits per week, the Flexibility Plan has 10 meal credits per week and the Value Plan has 12 meal credits per week. All three also include plus dollars that are allotted quarterly—dollars that are credited on a student's account and can be used to buy food on campus. The Freedom plan includes the most with \$475, followed by Flexibility with \$300 and Value with \$75.

Plus dollars are added to students' accounts at the beginning of every quarter; however, any excess rolls over until the end of spring quarter. But meal credits expire at the end of every week — beginning Saturday morning and ending Friday night, said Yukie Nishinaga, Marketing and Public Relations director of Campus Dining.

Meal credits can be used at three locations on campus: 19 Metro Station, VG Café, Sandwich Factory and, starting this year, Einstein Bros. Bagels in Poly Canyon, Nishinaga said. If a student's meal costs more



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than is allowed for a meal credit — \$7.90 for breakfast, \$8.75 for lunch, \$10.75 for dinner and \$8.75 for late night — it is possible to make up the difference using plus dollars.

Cal Poly's meal plan is not an "all you can eat buffet." Instead, set meals allow for minimal waste, as well as a more quality product and increased variety, Nishinaga said.

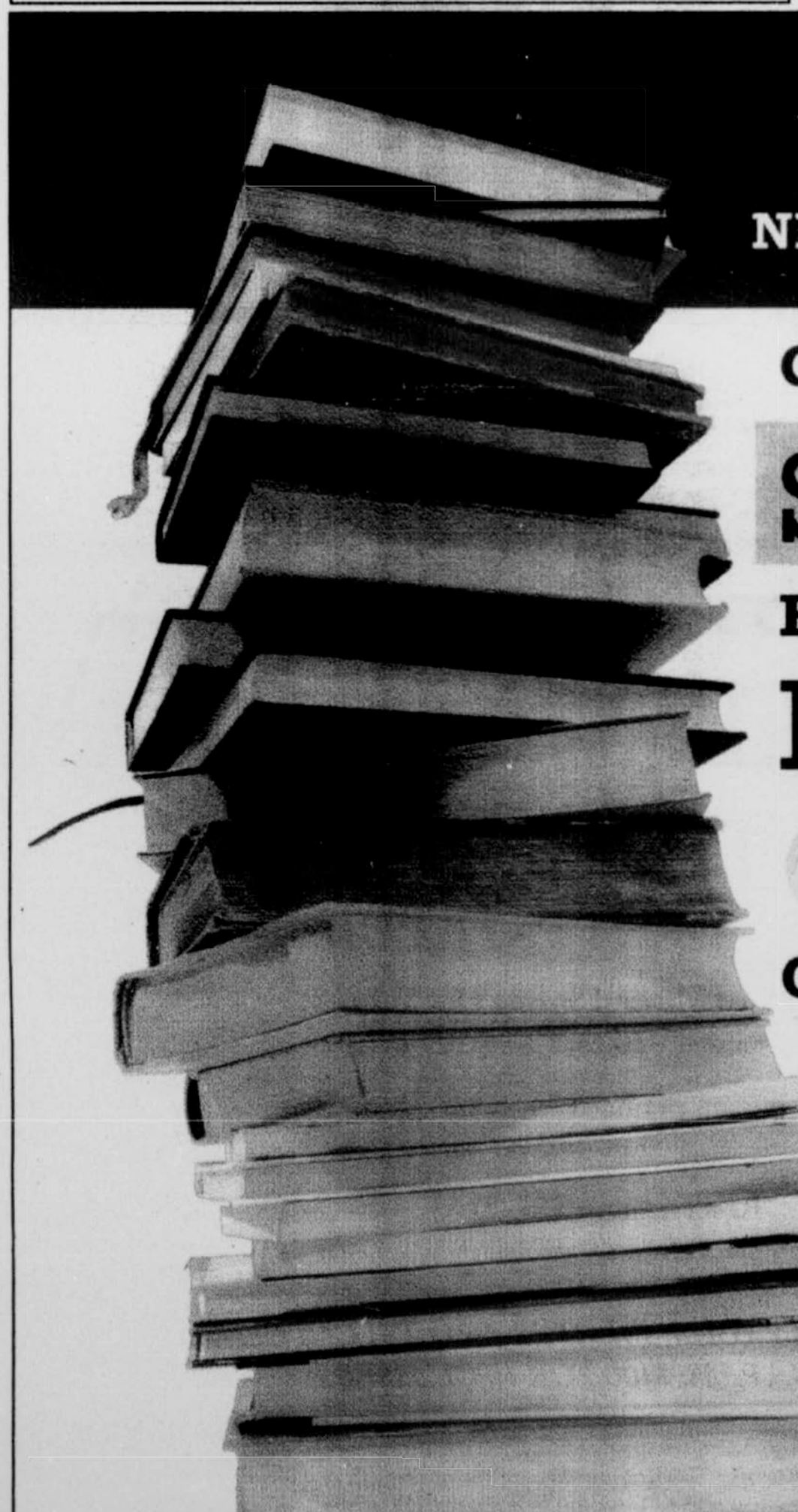
For example, 19 Metro Station has five different stations: a salad bar, an Asian food station, a "homeward bound" station (with classic hot

dishes), an Italian pasta station and a grill menu, along with a variety of grab-and-go items, Nishinaga said.

Soil science sophomore Samn Buono said she used her meal credit mostly at VG Café and Metro.

"If I had to use a meal credit, was definitely for a scramble at VG for breakfast or lunch. They make them right in front of you, and you can add whatever you want," Buono said. "But, I thought that Metro had

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b) Until 1930  
c) Until 1956  
d) From 1930-1956
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4. How much did students pay for room and board when the school began classes in 1903?

a) Free  
b) \$20 a month for dormitories and \$25 a month off-campus  
c) \$50 a month for dormitories and \$55 a month off-campus  
d) \$100 a month for dormitories and \$150 a month off-campus
5. How many electronic books does the library have?

a) 3,142  
b) 4,509  
c) 6,822  
d) 8,899
6. What year were the first bachelor's degrees awarded at Cal Poly?

a) 1906  
b) 1942  
c) 1944  
d) 1947
7. What year did the State Board of Education grant collegiate status to Cal Poly?

a) 1903  
b) 1940  
c) 1947  
d) 1956
8. Who of the following has never been Cal Poly's President?

a) Julian McPhee  
b) Robert E. Kennedy  
c) Alan A. Erhart  
d) Warren J. Baker
9. What was Cal Poly's first newspaper called?

a) The Polygram  
b) The Mustang Daily  
c) The Poly Post  
d) Mustang Maniacs
10. How many parking tickets were issued on campus last year?

a) 5,998  
b) 13,245  
c) 15,888  
d) 21,990
11. How many people were in Cal Poly's first graduating class in 1906?

a) 115 students  
b) 21 men and 2 women  
c) 4 men and 4 women  
d) 60 students
12. Which of the following has not been used to construct the Poly P?


a) A senior project made of biodegradable material  
b) Stone-and-lime doors  
c) Whitewashed barn doors  
d) Concrete
13. Where do Cal Poly's cadavers come from?

a) UCSF Willied Body Program  
b) Willied Body Program at The University of Arizona  
c) Stanford Willied Body Program  
d) UCLA Willied Body Program

Answer Key: 1)B 2)D 3)D 4)B 5)D 6)B 7)B 8)C 9)A 10)D 11)C 12)A 13)A

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## Budget cuts cause enrollment cuts

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The most difficult part about decreasing student enrollment to where it needed to be by fall quarter was rejecting more than two-thirds of Cal Poly's freshman applicants, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Koob said.

Cal Poly, along with the rest of the colleges in the California State University system, was told by the chancellor's office to cut student numbers this year in order to save money. The decision put Cal Poly on track to meet the required enrollment target set by the chancellor's office of 15,702 full time equivalent students.

Last year's total enrollment for the 23 CSU campuses peaked at 357,000 full time equivalent students but was reduced to 343,000 by the end of the school year. The chancellor's office was forced to shave the number to 310,000 this year because of a \$685 million budget cut to the CSU system, said Eric Forbes, director of enrollment management services for the California State University.

By rejecting more freshman applicants, dismissing students on academic probation and helping students that have been enrolled for more than four years to graduate, Cal Poly was able to achieve enrollment goals.

A record 33,626 freshmen applied for fall, of which the university selected 10,918. The final number of those who accepted offers will be available in September, but an estimate is about 3,500 new freshmen, Koob said.

Students surpassing four years were forced to graduate in order to cut numbers as well. These were students who had waited to take their final units in order to take additional classes, postpone graduation or stay in San Luis Obispo, Director of Institutional Planning and Analysis Brent Goodman said. They were given contracts forcing them to complete their remaining degree requirements as soon as the classes were made available.

Cal Poly also started to enforce

academic probation guidelines more strictly, Goodman said.

"We tried to focus on areas where we knew students weren't going to be successful," Goodman said.

In previous years, students were given multiple quarters to get off of academic probation. Now, students must raise their grade point average above 2.0 by the following quarter or likely be dismissed from the university.

The most difficult part was attempting to keep class offerings similar to what it has been in recent years while keeping enough faculty and staff employed to meet the needs of the students, Goodman said. To make sure this didn't happen, Cal Poly looked into additional ways to increase funds while still meeting the specified number of full-time equivalent students.

Cal Poly was able to get money by accepting more out-of-state students. This allowed the university to maintain class offerings, class sizes and faculty numbers.

"About 10 percent of our incoming class this year will be from out-of-state. The reason for that is they don't count against our in-state enrollment," Koob said. "They pay a large tuition that covers the cost of attendance here, so they allow us to keep more faculty and staff employed."

The university's average cost of attendance per student runs at about \$12,000 per year, Koob said.

Last year's freshman class had already been admitted when budget cuts were instituted, so the university had to use furloughs to make up for the cost deficit, Koob said.

With no furloughs this year, the total number of out-of-state students was raised to an estimated 961 as of Sept. 1, Goodman said.

The addition of out-of-state students was essential for Cal Poly to maintain the overall feel within each classroom, Media Team Leader Stacia Momburg said.

"Without more out-of-state students, the trademark small classes would have to be changed to more traditional lecture hall type classes," Momburg said. "It costs less money to have one professor teach one class of 120 students than it costs five professors to teach five classes of 20 to 30 students."

Other ways Cal Poly saved money was by decreasing the number of electives offered, by asking more professors to teach general education classes and by suspending several building projects, Momburg said.

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### What is a full time equivalent student?

~ Start with...

Total Students (Head count)- 16,779  
Undergraduate: 16,360  
Post-Baccalaureate: 34  
Graduate: 385

~ Divide total Student Credit Units (SCUs) by one full-time equivalent student (FTES)

~ One FTES equals 15 SCUs for undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students

~ One FTES equals 12 SCUs for graduate students

Total Student Credit Units (SCUs)- 224,227  
Undergraduate: 219,676 / 15 = 14,645.1  
Post-Baccalaureate: 446 / 15 = 29.7  
Graduate: 4,105 / 12 = 342.1

~ Add together to get total number of FTES

= 14,645.1 + 29.7 + 342.1

= 15,016.9

Total FTE Students (FTES)- 15,016.9

Undergraduate: 14,645.1

Post-Baccalaureate: 29.7

Graduate: 342.1

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## Meal Plan

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better options usually for lunch and dinner."

Campus Dining continues to change the meal options given depending on student input.

"A lot of feedback we were getting (in the past) included adding more vegetarian options," Nishinaga said. "The reason why we make changes is 100 percent because students ask for them."

Adding more vegetarian options also meant healthier options, she said.

"There was a girl on my floor (in the residence halls) who was a vegetarian, and the black bean burgers at Metro and VG's were her favorite. She also loved the veggie wraps and veggie pitas at both Sandwich Factory and the Avenue," Buono said.

Nishinaga said there are different ways to satisfy students with special dietary needs.

"There are awesome local vendors

that provide products at Campus Market that provide amazing vegan and vegetarian options — almost everything is modifiable too, such as sandwiches and pastas," Nishinaga said.

Biological sciences sophomore Victoria Phillips said she would have liked more variety, but said the food was edible.

Phillips said that during her freshman year she didn't like how the smallest meal plan option was still eight meal credits, which were too many for her since meal credits can only be used at certain locations of campus. She said she would definitely suggest the meal plan with the smallest number of meal credits.

"Even if you lose meal credits, you can still use plus dollars to buy a

meal," Phillips said.

Even if a student has plus dollars left over at the end of a quarter or the year, the university offers such things as school supplies and shirts at Campus Market for this exact purpose. However, meal plans can only be used for food.

"I usually used my plus dollars at the end of the quarter at Campus Market," Phillips said. "I didn't use a lot of my meals and they went to waste."

Cal Poly Campus Dining works to not waste the food that would otherwise be thrown away. In February 2009, Campus Dining brought back an old Cal Poly tradition of composting old food material, which in the past had been done by students, and now is done by the local com-

pany Engel & Gray Inc., Nishinaga said.

"We compost approximately 300 tons per year, almost 200 pounds of cardboard is recycled and, furthermore, we use a lot of our old fry oil to fuel our bio-diesel trucks for Campus Dining," Nishinaga said. "We also create a relatively small carbon footprint since our Campus Dining trucks are only needed to transport on campus, and 50 percent of them are electric and bio-diesel."

Additionally, Campus Dining is now involved with social media, utilizing both Facebook and Twitter, to share PolyDeals that inform students about updates and deals for eating on campus.

### Meal plan tips:

\* Avoid wasted meal credits by using them on:

1. Bottled beverages
2. Snacks (chips, fruit, Grab-n-go snacks, etc.)
3. Frozen treats (at VG Café)

\* Wake up early to use a breakfast meal credit at:

1. Sandwich Factory
2. Einstein Bros. Bagels

\* Plan to eat at late night

\* Conserve plus dollars, use meals first

\* Spend the whole meal credit value

## Students

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The upcoming school year's recruitment of students has already been completed so no additional student numbers will be cut this year, Koob said.

Whether or not Cal Poly will continue to decrease enrollment and make adjustments to save money next year remains to be seen.

"That depends entirely upon what happens with the state's budget," Koob said. "The numbers may change but a rough estimate says it will remain constant or rise slightly."

### Suspended Building Projects:

**Graphic Arts** - Refurbish air handling units

**Walter F. Dexter - R&R** air handling units

**Mathematics and Science** - Refurbish air handling units

**Robert E. Mott Physical Education** - Refurbish air handling units, replace scalloped roof

**Engineering South** - Install hot water heat exchanger

**Administration** - Replace weather stripping

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**Library** - Reroof Kennedy Library eyebrow roofs

**Cottchett Education** - Replace gutters

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## California loses second bid for Race to the Top education grant

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California students will miss out on \$700 million in education grants after finishing among the losing states in the second round of the federal "Race to the Top" contest, U.S. Department of Education officials announced in August.

Los Angeles Unified could have come home with \$120 million from the contest, which aims to reward states with reform-minded teachers unions and administrators.

Department of Education officials

said detailed explanations for picking the 10 winners, including the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, New York and Ohio, would be released Wednesday.

They will split a pool of \$3.25 billion in grants.

"While peer reviewers rated these 10 as having the highest scoring plans, very few points separated them from the remaining applications," a department statement said. It added that quality of the applications and the limited availability of money were the main factors in the decision.

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne

Duncan said Tuesday that if there were more money for round 2 finalists, California would have made the cut.

"California is a state of particular interest and potential," Duncan said. "I am really sad and disappointed that we were not able to fund California."

In the end, California came in 16th of 19 finalists.

After a disappointing finish during the first round of Race to the Top earlier this year, California took a unique approach to its application by having seven local school chief's

-- including Los Angeles Unified's Ramon Cortines -- write the application based on reforms implemented in their individual districts.

"I am very disappointed... We gave this our best shot," Cortines said. "I don't know how you leave out 6 million children," Cortines said referring to California's total student enrollment.

Designed to spur innovative ideas among educators, the Race to the Top contest asked states to submit applications on plans to improve student achievement, focusing on areas that the Obama administration has

deemed priorities in education reform.

Cortines and superintendents from Fresno, Long Beach, San Francisco, Sacramento, Sanger and Clovis school districts put together a 188-page application that proposed expanding the use of student data to improve academic achievement. It also focused on placing the best teachers and principals in the neediest schools in the state.

The application also laid out plans to improve math, science and tech-

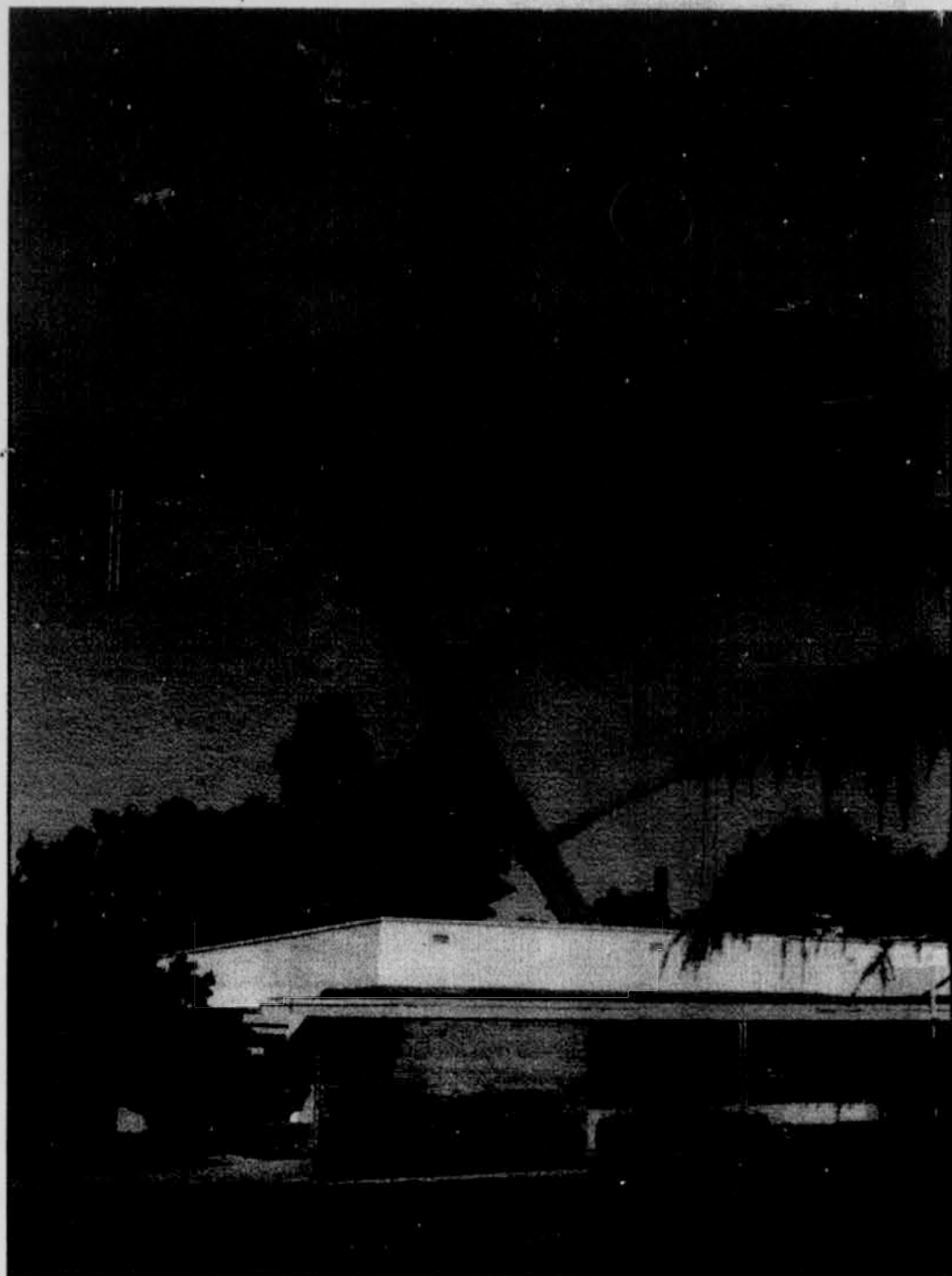
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# Science and Mathematics building to undergo demolition



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Cal Poly revealed how the new Science and Mathematics Building demolition and construction would impact the campus in July.

The plan shows what parts of campus will shut down to accommodate demolition and construction of the new building, which will be located in the middle of campus, between North Polyview Drive and Via Carta.

"It's going to disrupt this part of campus," said Philip Bailey, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics. "It'll be tough for two and a half years."

The difficulty will be worth it, Bailey said. The new, six-story building will be almost 200,000 square feet and have enough study space to rival the University Union.

To start the major demolition of the building, fences are to be put up during Week of Welcome.

The project, which has been in the works for more than 15 years, received the money needed to continue plans and complete construction.

"We were very unlucky. We thought we would occupy in fall 2008," Bailey said.

Funding for the new building came mostly from a \$400 million state bond, which added \$105 million to the \$19.5 million raised by private donations, Bailey said. The state had previously approved funding for the design of the building and another bond will provide for the furniture in the building, putting the total project budget at \$136 million.

The \$400 million bond supplied the University of California and California State University systems with funding for similar building projects.

The architect company, Zimmer Gunsul and Frasca Architects, has been working on the plan for a year. Gilbane Construction Company is now working with the architect to finalize the plans.

Some of the projects Zimmer Gunsul and Frasca Architects have worked on include designing more than a million square feet of space for Microsoft and the Portland International Airport. Gilbane Construction Company is familiar with the Cal Poly campus, having built

the Engineering IV building, which is more than half the size of the new Science and Math Building.

There is no way the total estimate will exceed the \$136 million Cal Poly has for the building, said Bob Kitamura, head of Cal Poly Capital Projects. He said nothing could happen to make the total cost to the university exceed the estimate.

"It won't," he said.

Along with reconstruction of the Science and Math Building, an upgrade to the Central Plant will provide the new, larger building with air conditioning, said Joel Neel, senior associate director for Cal Poly Capital Projects.

The upgrade will increase the chiller capacity to handle what is required for the Campus Master Plan and put the entire campus on the same cold-water loop. The plant's cost is set at \$12 million, which will come out of the \$105 million bond, and maintenance will be paid by the state, Neel said.

*This article was previously published on July 8, 2010.*

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The project, which has been in the works for more than 15 years, is expected to be finished in two and a half.

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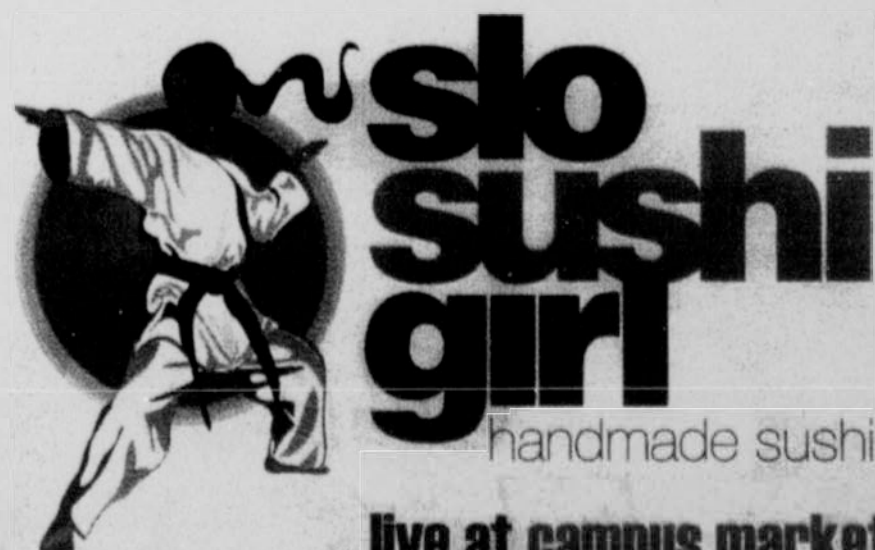
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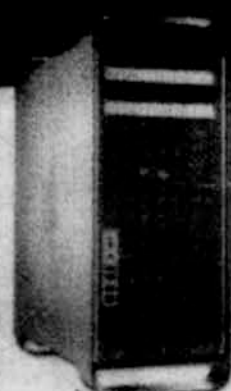
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## SLOcal laws you need to know

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San Luis Obispo, like any city, has the right to enforce its own city ordinances. It is important to be aware of the unique laws that community members must abide by and what local police, both the San Luis Police Department (SLOPD) and the University Police Department (UPD), must implement.

Going face-to-face with the law can be detrimental to academics, bank accounts and future endeavors. New and returning students should

be acquainted with local laws before beginning the new academic year so that an unfortunate encounter with the "five-0" can be delayed or avoided completely.

Every law is aimed at keeping the San Luis Obispo community safe and reduce disturbances around town. Some city ordinances are geared mainly towards homeowners and renters, but everyone should be aware of them.

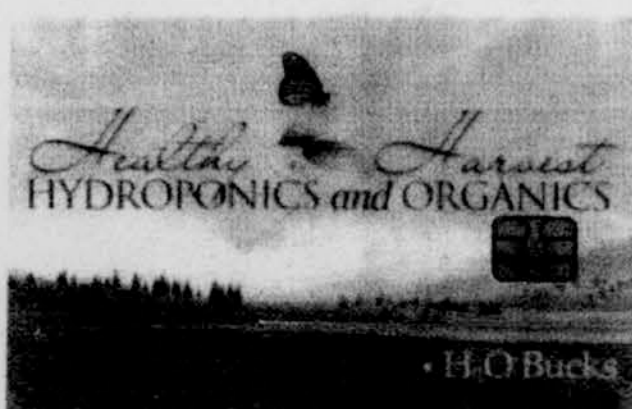
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## Laws

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### Ways to avoid any of these laws:

- \* closely monitor guest attendance
- \* keep guests indoors
- \* play music at lower levels
- \* leave alcohol containers and cups inside
- \* practice the "buddy system"
- \* don't drink and drive
- \* don't throw anything out the night
- \* leave bathroom etiquette indoors

### Other infractions to be aware of:

- \* don't drink and drive
- \* don't throw anything out the night
- \* leave bathroom etiquette indoors
- \* don't drink and drive
- \* don't throw anything out the night
- \* leave bathroom etiquette indoors

## Noise Violation

### What is it?

- \* It is different from an unruly gathering — you can get cited for both in one night if a party grows into an unruly gathering after receiving a noise violation.
- \* Loud noise can be heard further than 50 feet away from the property between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. or across the property line between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

### Fines and consequences

- \* First citation: \$350
- \* Second citation (within a 12-month period): \$700
- \* Third citation (within a 12-month period): \$1,000
- \* Residence is put on Disturbance Advisement Card (DAC) for 9-months — this alerts police that there is no courtesy warning because of repeat offenses.
- \* Landowners are notified.
- \* Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) employees may, but are not required, to alert first time offenders.

## Smoking restrictions

First of all, San Luis Obispo already takes pride in being the first city in the world to ban smoking from all indoor places open to the public in 1990.

### What is it?

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# SLO county sees more than 200 whooping cough cases

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San Luis Obispo County has seen 210 of approximately 900 confirmed, probable or suspect cases of pertussis, or "whooping cough," in the state so far this year, according to San Luis Obispo Public Health Services.

As of early July, no related deaths have been reported in the county.

The county had 19 pertussis cases during the past two years. San Luis Obispo Public Health Services epidemiologist Ann McDowell, said outbreaks usually happen every three

to four years because the susceptible population grows.

"We're on pace to have one of the worst outbreaks in 50 years. This is an ugly one," McDowell said. "We've had cases from people as young as 10 weeks and as old as 91 years."

The California Department of Public Health clinical case definition of pertussis is "a cough or illness lasting at least two weeks with one of the following: paroxysms of coughing, inspiratory 'whoop' or post-tussive vomiting without other apparent cause."

The "whooping" sound is a result of loss of breath from coughing so hard.

"Pertussis is a miserable disease," McDowell said. "You cough and hack."

Public Health Services test for pertussis by taking a swab that will be examined in laboratory tests; the swab test is the only way to be diagnosed with pertussis.

McDowell said treating infants is top priority for health officials; only two local infants were hospitalized as of early July. Infants are most susceptible because they haven't received all of their booster shots, which are usually received at six months and prevent the disease.

However, infants aren't the only ones in need of the booster shot. Anyone 11 years or older should have a tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis, or Tdap, booster shot because childhood vaccinations wear off in adulthood, McDowell said. One Tdap vaccination as an adult will protect someone for the rest of their life. The Tdap vaccination has no known serious side-effects.

"The best offense (to pertussis) is a strong defense – in this case, having been immunized," said David Harris, MD, head of medical services at Cal Poly.

Harris roughly estimates 10 percent of Cal Poly students have no immunity against pertussis or other diseases.

"It's a very, very difficult situation to keep everybody healthy because you (students) like to share your bugs," Harris said. "On top of that, you're stressed, you're packed like sardines and you can't afford to stay home and

recuperate, so you go to school sick and germs are shared."

Biochemistry junior Doug Amato recalls feeling at risk for illnesses and disease when he lived with 32 other men on one floor of the Sierra Madre dorm two years ago.

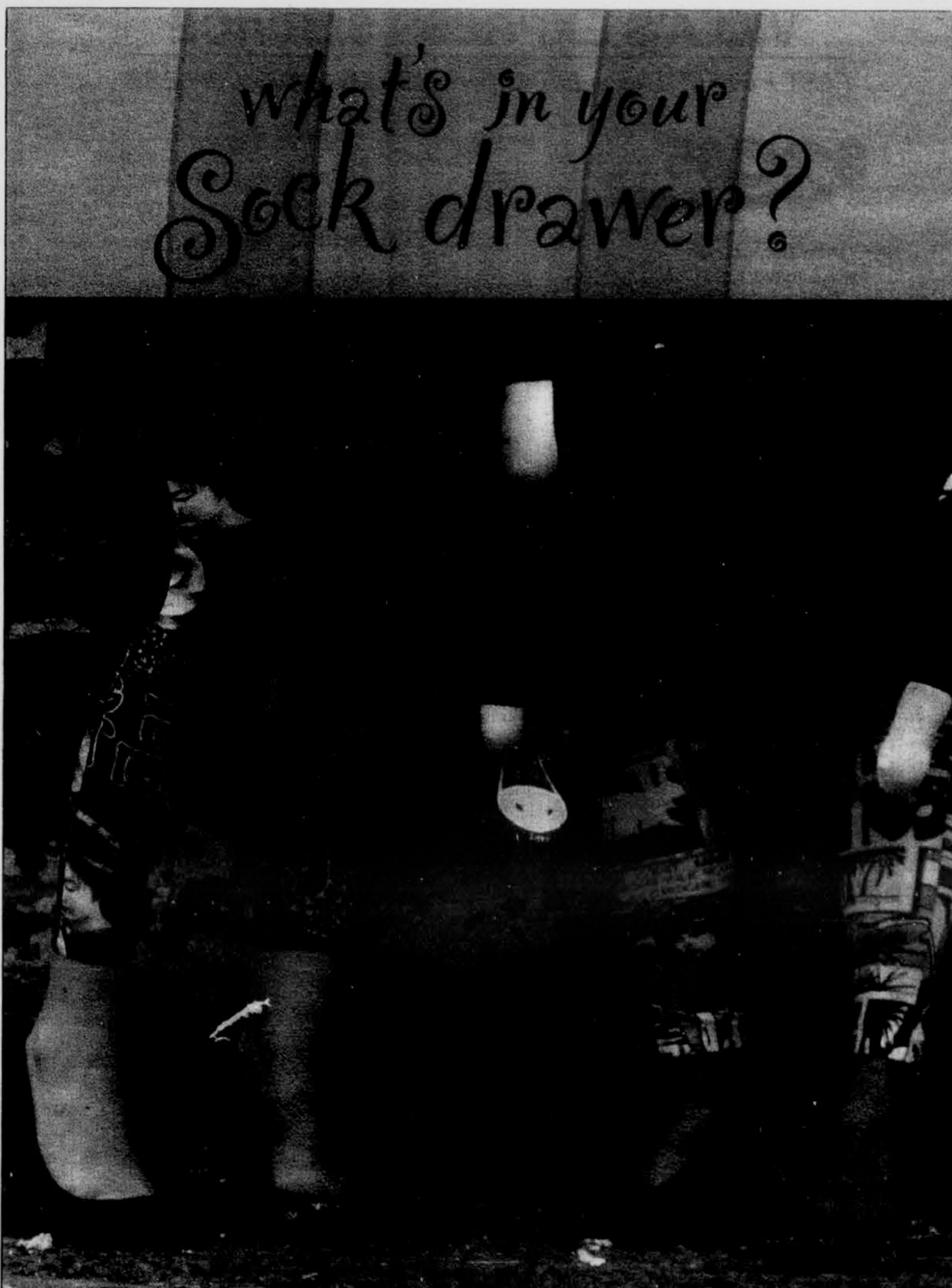
"If one person got sick, usually everyone got sick," Amato said.

Harris said a campus-wide pertussis epidemic is unlikely during summer because the students get "out of this packed, herdlike existence."

In the event of an outbreak, the San Luis Obispo Public Health Services would take over campus health.

Cal Poly Health Center offers the Tdap vaccination for \$35; San Luis Obispo Public Health Services charges \$25. No appointment is needed at either location.

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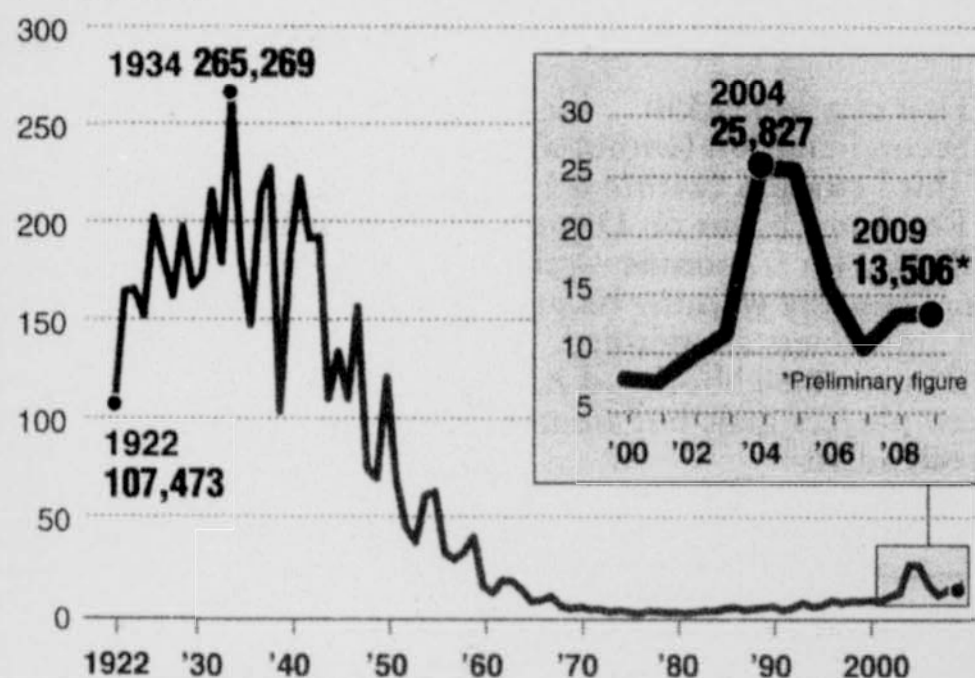


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Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, was a major killer of infants in the United States before widespread vaccination efforts began in the 1940s.

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# Dogs and other pets welcome at Florida college dorm

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Jasmine Parham's new college roommate is a dear friend from back home.

The roomie responds to "Leo" and never goes to class, but can perform some neat tricks.

Leonora, a frisky border collie, and her owner, Parham, are among the first residents of the first pet-friendly dorm at Stetson University in DeLand, Fla.

About 20 students and their pets — dogs, cats and a few caged gerbils and rats — are taking up residence at Nemec Hall, an established dorm, as the fall semester begins.

Stetson is not the first college to have a pet-friendly dorm, but it's among the relatively few schools — perhaps a dozen or so across the country — that have formal policies and accommodations. Stetson officials say the dorms could become a recruitment tool that helps set the school apart, just as big schools such as the University of Central Florida entice students with football stadiums, basketball arenas and trendy eateries.

The idea behind the dorm is to give students — freshmen, in particular — a familiar presence as they make the sometimes stressful transition from home to campus.

"What better way to do that than to have a family friend there to greet you when you get out of class?" said Justin Williams, the university's director of housing and residential life.

Having a pet along for the college



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journey makes a dorm "a home away from home," he said.

Parham, a freshman from Palm Coast, Fla., agrees.

"I love having my best friend here with me," Parham said.

Eckerd College, a private school in St. Petersburg, Fla., has had pet-friendly dorms for years. So has Stephens College, a private school in Missouri that was the previous home of current Stetson President Wendy Libby.

Libby brought the pet-friendly-dorm concept with her to Stetson a year ago. Stetson staff members visited Eckerd and Stephens to get ideas on how to set up similar living arrangements.

Although small, independent colleges such as Stetson dominate the list of pet-friendly schools, powerhouses Caltech and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology allow certain

small pets in some campus dorms.

Many schools, especially public ones, may shy from pet-friendly dorms because of liability worries connected to animal attacks or building maintenance, Stetson officials said. Students sign an agreement that sets out terms. Obedience training is required for dogs. Aggressive or noisy animals can be sent home.

In establishing policy at Stetson, the welfare of the animal was a priority. So inspections will be held to make sure students are caring for their pets properly.

Students pay a \$400-a-year surcharge to get a pet-friendly dorm room, with \$200 of that refundable if the room is kept in shape. Part of the fee goes toward pet-related costs, such as establishment of a fenced dog walk near Nemec Hall. The rooms designated for pets are singles instead of standard double-occupancy rooms to avoid having cats and dogs as roomies.

Not all animals are allowed. Dogs 30 pounds and less are OK, as are

cats and caged rodents such as rats, gerbils and hamsters. Small fish and turtles that can reside comfortably in small water tanks are fine, too. Because of potential odor issues, birds, most reptiles and rabbits are not on the approved list. Depending on how things go this year, however, the list may be expanded and the dog-weight limitation could be relaxed.

It's too soon to tell whether Stetson's pet-friendly-dorm experiment will expand. Nemec Hall can accommodate up to 34 students with pets. Two additional rooms for resident staff also are pet-friendly.

Arthur DeFilippo, a residential-life coordinator on staff who lives in Nemec Hall with his wife, came to work at Stetson in part because of the pet-friendly living accommodations.

There was no way the couple was going to give up Elphie, their pet puggle — a canine mix of pug and beagle.

"For a lot of people, pets are like members of the family," DeFilippo said. "It's about quality of life."

## Grant

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nology programs and base up to 30 percent of a teacher's evaluation on student test data.

After the application was complete, some 100 school districts and 200 independent charters in the state signed off and agreed to implement the plans.

Missing from the list of supporters though were local and state teacher's union leaders, who vocally opposed the state's application.

Cortines, who was one of five California delegates who went to Washington, D.C., to present the state's application, said he was questioned about the lack of union support for the plans.

"I was grilled on that question... but I said I was confident that within the time period of 13 months we could bring them along," Cortines said.

Local and state-wide labor leaders denounced the idea that they were somehow responsible for the state's failure to win the contest, which they also criticized as unfair.

"From our perspective, we don't believe that this Race to the Top, this racing and competing is the way to go," said Sandra Jackson, spokeswoman for the California Teacher's Association.

"It creates winners and losers."

A.J. Duffy, president of United Teachers Los Angeles, said the local teacher's union abstained from supporting the application because labor leaders were not included in creating the reform strategies.

"I don't believe we were engaged in meaningful discussions with the

district," Duffy said.

"When you're dealing with somebody that wants you to be collaborative, but they have an agenda, it makes things a little difficult."

The Race to the Top grant contest enticed district's to take bold action in education reform with the promise of more than \$4 billion in federal awards.

Delaware and Tennessee were selected as winners in the first round of the contest this past spring and were awarded \$100 million and \$500 million respectively.

The winning states were: Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, and Rhode Island.

Duncan said he would like a third, fourth and fifth round and has requested \$1.35 billion to fund more Race to the Top grants.

Other Los Angeles education leaders shared Cortines' disappointment.

"I was disappointed to learn today that, once again, California's application for Race to the Top funding was declined," said Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

"It is my strong hope that we will learn from our efforts in the first and second rounds and put that knowledge to good use to secure other federal funding."

On Aug. 24, \$45 million in federal School Improvement Grants were approved for nine LAUSD campuses. The money is earmarked for the state's 1,000 lowest performing schools.

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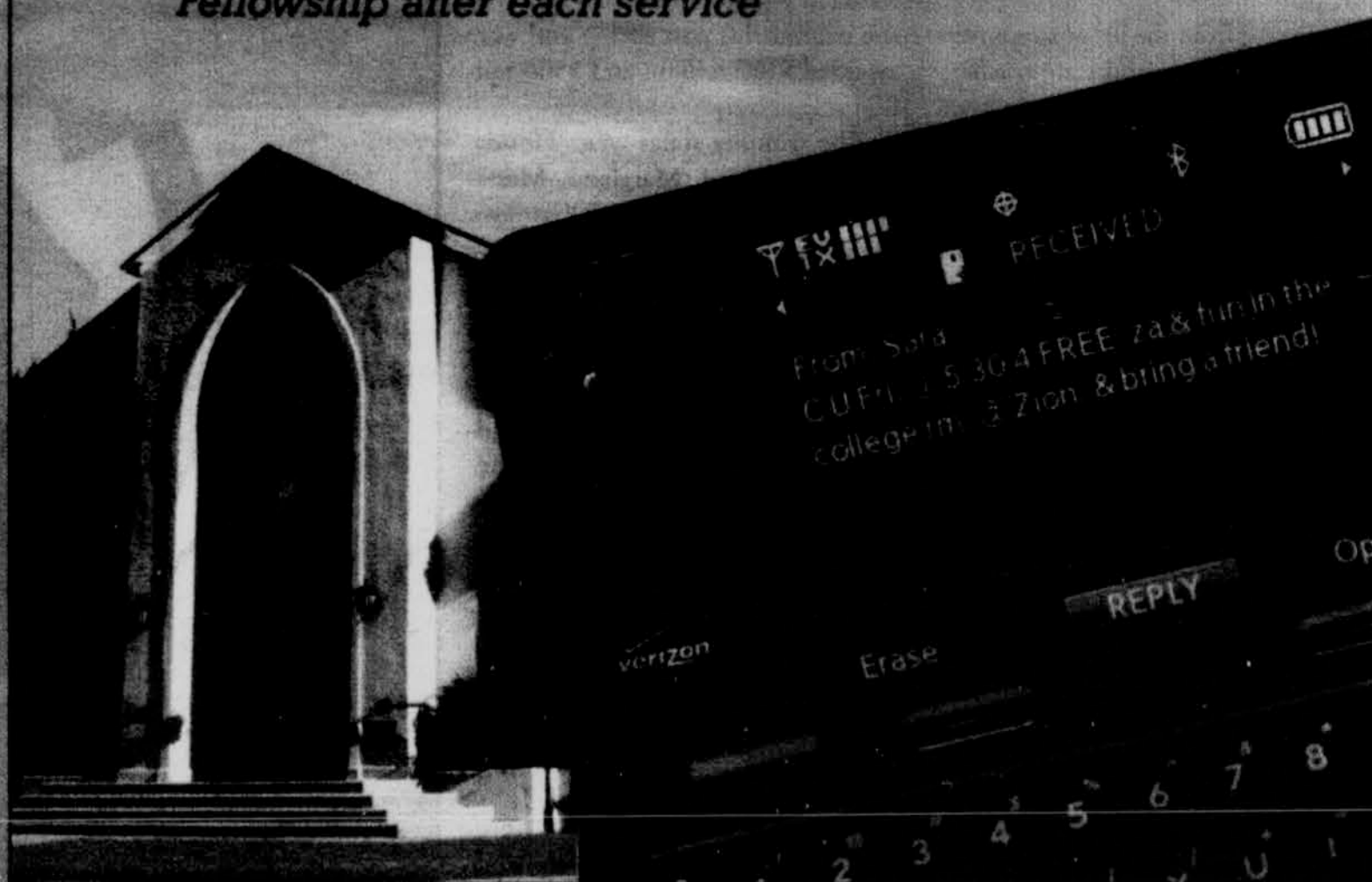
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## CSU's study accounting of public, private funds

Laurel Rosenhall  
THE SACRAMENTO BEE

California State University officials are concerned that they have erroneously mixed public and private funds in accounting for the foundations that support the system's 23 campuses, according to a report by the California Faculty Association.

The report is based on minutes from a series of closed-door meetings of CSU executives that a political researcher for the professors' union said she discovered online.

Minutes from a May 2010 meeting of the university's top business officials say they were trying to "clean up any mess before it gets to be bigger."

the bill have trotted out internal university documents to demonstrate what they say is the need for greater accountability. The last time was in April, when the bill's author, Sen. Leland Yee, held a press conference for Cal State Stanislaus students who said they found copies of Sarah Palin's contract to speak at their school in a campus trash bin. Because the contract was with the foundation at Cal State Stanislaus, university officials had refused to release it to the public.

"Publicly, the CSU administration insists that the funds held in these organizations are privately raised and are not taxpayer dollars. However, as these documents detail, there is

**There continue to be findings ...  
that some campuses have monies  
held inappropriately...**

— May 2010 CSU officials meeting minutes

"There continue to be findings from the internal auditors that some campuses have monies held inappropriately by auxiliary organizations. The finding is that funds should be moved to the state side," the minutes say.

The faculty union has been fighting to bring more public scrutiny to CSU foundations and other auxiliary organizations that are considered private entities but are closely affiliated with the public colleges. Such organizations hold about 20 percent of CSU's budget and are typically in charge of commercial practices on the campuses, from real estate deals to fundraising events. But many have been caught spending money inappropriately — including an audit this year that said Sacramento State's auxiliary should not have paid for remodeling the university president's kitchen.

Last year Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed a bill the union sponsored that would have subjected the auxiliary organizations to the California Public Records Act. A second version of the bill, SB 330, has passed both houses and is now on the governor's desk.

The report marks the second time in recent months that proponents of

actually a commingling of state and private dollars in the funds controlled by the auxiliaries," says the faculty association's report.

Cal State officials responded by saying they were aware that some funds had been mixed and are working on fixing the problem.

The university's internal auditor had raised the issue and Benjamin Quillian, chief financial officer for CSU, said he brought it to the attention of campus leaders.

"The campuses are already in the process of moving monies that need to be moved," Quillian said.

It's not uncommon for private and public money to get mixed when auxiliaries run campus functions, such as football games or conferences, he said. On some CSU campuses, an auxiliary organizes the game and takes the money from ticket sales, but has to pay the university for use of campus police.

"There have been some auxiliaries that have not been reimbursing the state in a timely fashion," Quillian said. "The internal auditor pointed this out and recommended the money be moved in a more timely fashion."

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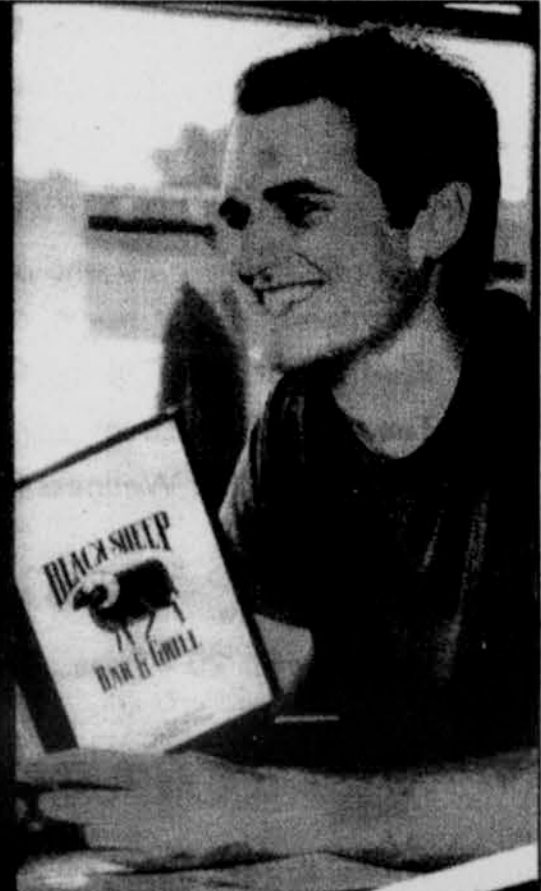
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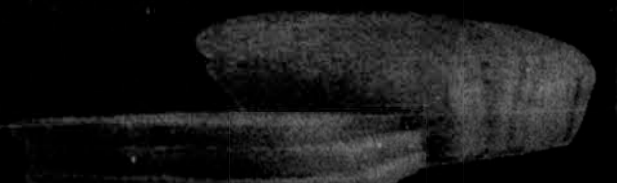
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In January 2009, there were approximately 3,829 homeless residents in SLO, which accounted for approximately 1.5 percent of the population.

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## Grand Jury critiques SLO county's care of homeless residents

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Though the title of its report is "Homelessness in San Luis Obispo County: Are We Solving the Problem?" the San Luis Obispo Grand Jury clearly answered, "No," in a critical report of available services to local homeless residents.

The report addresses how to aid the homeless in the short- and long-

term. To make its recommendations, the Grand Jurors interviewed related experts extensively, including county officials, staff members of local nonprofit organizations who work with the homeless population, volunteers, and both male and female homeless people. They also visited nearby facilities and reviewed national and local reports on homelessness, according to the 17-page report.

Of the approximately 260,000

residents of San Luis Obispo County, about 3,829 (1.5 percent) were homeless in late January 2009, according to the San Luis Obispo County Homeless Enumeration Report. More than a third (36.1 percent) of the homeless counted in the enumeration lived in the city of San Luis Obispo.

Enumeration interviews from 342 homeless adults found that the county's homeless population is "diverse in age, background and economic status"; there are also a variety of reasons why people are homeless, including housing and health issues.

The enumeration found that most of the county's homeless are long-term residents. Of those counted, 56 percent said they had lived in the county for more than five years; 24 percent said they'd lived here for at least one year.

According to the Grand Jury report, those interviewed in January said they didn't have a permanent residence because they were unable to pay rent (35 percent), were unemployed (20 percent) or suffered from low wages, divorce or substance abuse (15 percent each).

The Grand Jury reported that though the demand for low-income housing outstrips the supply, there are many obstacles to increasing the volume of low-income housing such as "zoning regulations on where such units can be built, restrictions on the number of units per acre that get approved, building codes that promote safety but inflate costs and political resistance from neighbors who fear for their property values."

There are also health issues that may lead to homelessness.

In addition to dental and vision problems, joint injuries, and depression, about 30 percent of the interviewees reported a physical disability, 25 percent a mental disability and 9 percent substance abuse, according to the Grand Jury report.

The Grand Jury reported that the most important services for San Luis Obispo homeless residents are coordinated by the Community Action Partnership (CAPSLO).

This nonprofit organization runs Head Start programs, the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter, an "overflow" shelter that rotates monthly among religious organizations involved in the Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless and the Prado Day Center. The organization also provides case management services for homeless persons in the county.

It is funded by several sources including county and city grants; according to the Grand Jury, the organization spent \$878,088 to run the Maxine Lewis Shelter and Prado Day Center and \$244,895 on case management last year.

CAPSLO Deputy Director Grace McIntosh said existing services in the county just aren't enough.

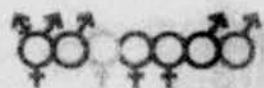
"Our main goal is to get people off the streets and into permanent housing," McIntosh said. "The Prado Day Center is at maximum capacity and the Maxine Lewis shelter is falling apart."

In April, the nonprofit served 6,500 people at the Prado Day Center, the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter and the facilities provided via the Interfaith Coalition for the

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## California officials make Berkeley revise freshman DNA testing project

Laurel Rosenhall  
THE SACRAMENTO BEE

Public health officials are forcing UC Berkeley to make a major change to a controversial freshmen orientation project that involves testing students' DNA, the university announced.

Instead of giving each student who submitted a saliva sample the results of their individual test, UC Berkeley will only report aggregate test results.

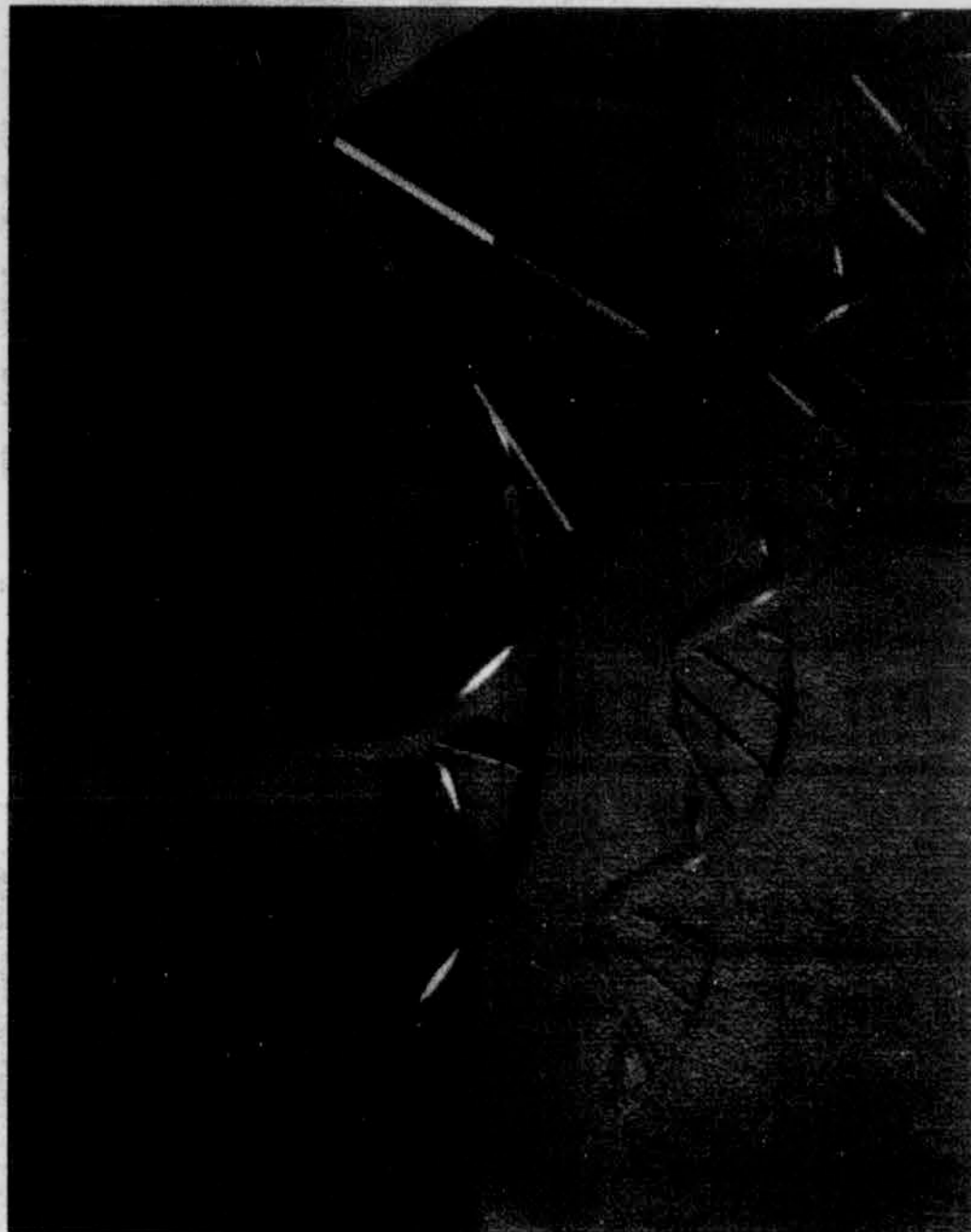
"Students will not have access we promised them to information in their own genome. I think that's unfortunate," Mark Schlissel, dean of biological sciences at UC Berkeley, said.

The change comes after the state Department of Public Health ruled that the university's plan to give students individual results of their DNA tests amounted to making a medical diagnosis. According to state and federal laws, medical tests must be requested by a doctor and performed in credentialed laboratories.

UC Berkeley argued that its project — called "Bring Your Genes to Cal" — was academic research, not medical testing. The law allows genetic tests for research purposes to be performed in a greater variety of labs, and they do not have to be requested by a doctor.

UC Berkeley looked for a lab with the appropriate certification to perform the tests but couldn't find one willing to do it because of the relatively small scope of the project, Schlissel said. Even if it found a lab, he said, the university would be unable to give students their own results because state public health officials ruled that to do so, the tests would have to have been requested by a doctor.

"We do disagree with the Department of Public Health but we respect



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UC Berkeley claims the project, "Bring your Genes to Cal" is academic research, but the California Department of Public Health ruled that the program would be "making a medical diagnosis," and must be requested by a patient's doctor.

their authority under the law," Schlissel said. The saliva samples will be analyzed in a campus lab, which is not certified to perform medical tests.

In a prepared statement, Kevin Reilly, a deputy director of the Public Health Department, said the state law on laboratory testing is "designed to protect the public by ensuring that testing provides accu-

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A California judge ruled that the voter-enacted ban on same-sex marriage, known as Proposition 8, is unconstitutional. In his ruling, Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker wrote that Prop. 8 did not serve any purpose except to "enshrine in the California Constitution the notion that opposite-sex couples are superior to same-sex couples." The ruling comes following a lawsuit by two same-sex couples and the City of San Francisco, claiming that Proposition 8, t, deprives them of due process of the law and equality rights.



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Cal Poly senior Michael Linn won \$609,493 in the seventh World Series of Poker \$1,500 No-limit Hold 'em championship on July 1, after competing against 269 other players for 11 hours in Las Vegas. "It is kind of hard to wrap your mind around it," Linn said. Linn's decision to enter the world series at age 21, the minimum age requirement, paid off. In 2009, his earnings totaled \$40,000, bringing his total world series earnings to approximately \$650,000.



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Cal Poly announced Robert Glidden as the new interim president after deciding against offering the position to the three candidates interviewed for presidency during the past year. Glidden came out of retirement to take on the position. Before retiring he served as president for Ohio University from 1994 to 2004, and served as provost and vice president of academic affairs for Florida State University, as well as being a dean and a professor.

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## Offshore oil rig explodes in Gulf of Mexico

Richard Fausset and Kim Geiger

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Another offshore oil facility caught fire in the Gulf of Mexico on the morning of Sept. 2, sending 13 workers into the water to be rescued by boat, and sending enough petroleum into the water to create a mile-long-by-100-foot-wide sheen, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

The cause of the accident is not yet known and is under investigation. It comes more than four months after BP's Deepwater Horizon rig blowout, which killed 11 offshore workers and resulted in the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history. The government and BP are still working on the ultimate plug of that well, which has not leaked since mid-July.

Among environmentalists and liberal lawmakers, reaction was swift.

"In the wake of the BP catastrophe, this is an extremely disturbing event," said Rep. Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, who has led a congressional investigation into the BP spill. "I call on the administration to immediately redouble safety reviews of all offshore drilling and platform operations in the gulf and take all appropriate action to ensure safety and protection of the environment."

In a Thursday afternoon news conference, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said that the oil platform's operator, Mariner Energy, reported that all of the site's seven active wells had been "shut in," meaning they were not leaking oil. Though a fire was still burning on the platform, Jindal said the company told officials that it was being fed by an oil product stored on the platform.

"That's a very important point," Jindal said — and one that may differentiate this disaster from the BP fire, which was fed by an uncontrollable gush of oil from the wild well below.

Thursday's incident occurred further west than the BP blowout, about 102 miles off the Louisiana shore, on a shallow-water oil and gas platform south of Terrebonne Bay, said Eileen Angelico, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement.

The U.S. Coast Guard received the fire report at 9:20 a.m. CDT, according to U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Casey Ranel. Workers on a nearby oil facility reported that an explosion occurred on the platform, Ranel said.

The 13 workers, wearing flotation suits, apparently jumped in the water, which is about 340 feet deep. They were eventually evacuated by boat, said Patrick Cassidy, a Mariner spokesman, in an interview with CNN.

Cassidy, the company spokesman, said he didn't know the circumstances that caused the workers to go overboard.

"The expectation's that they shut in production and then evacuated the facility," he said. "They were picked up from a life raft, picked up by a boat, and are on their way to facilities onshore."

A Coast Guard e-mail to congressional

offices said that the platform workers reported beginning emergency shutdown procedures before abandoning it, but that they succeeded in those procedures was "unknown."

According to the e-mail, the company told the Coast Guard that the platform does not have a "standard blowout preventer, the device of last resort used to shut off the flow of oil and gas from a wild well."

Jindal said it was possible, though not confirmed, that some type of "nonstandard" blowout preventer may have been used on the platform.

Jindal and the Coast Guard reported that one worker was injured but the company, in a news release, said there were no injuries. All 13 workers were on a shore support vessel, Jindal said, and would soon be flown by helicopter to a Louisiana hospital to be checked for injuries.

Coast Guard Petty Officer Matthew Masaschi said that the company had sent three vessels to combat the fire, which was contained, but still burning, as of Thursday afternoon.

The Maritime press release said that during the last week of August, production on the facility, which was technically in a federal lease area called Vermillion block 380, averaged about 9.2 million cubic feet of natural gas per day and 1,400 barrels of oil and condensate.

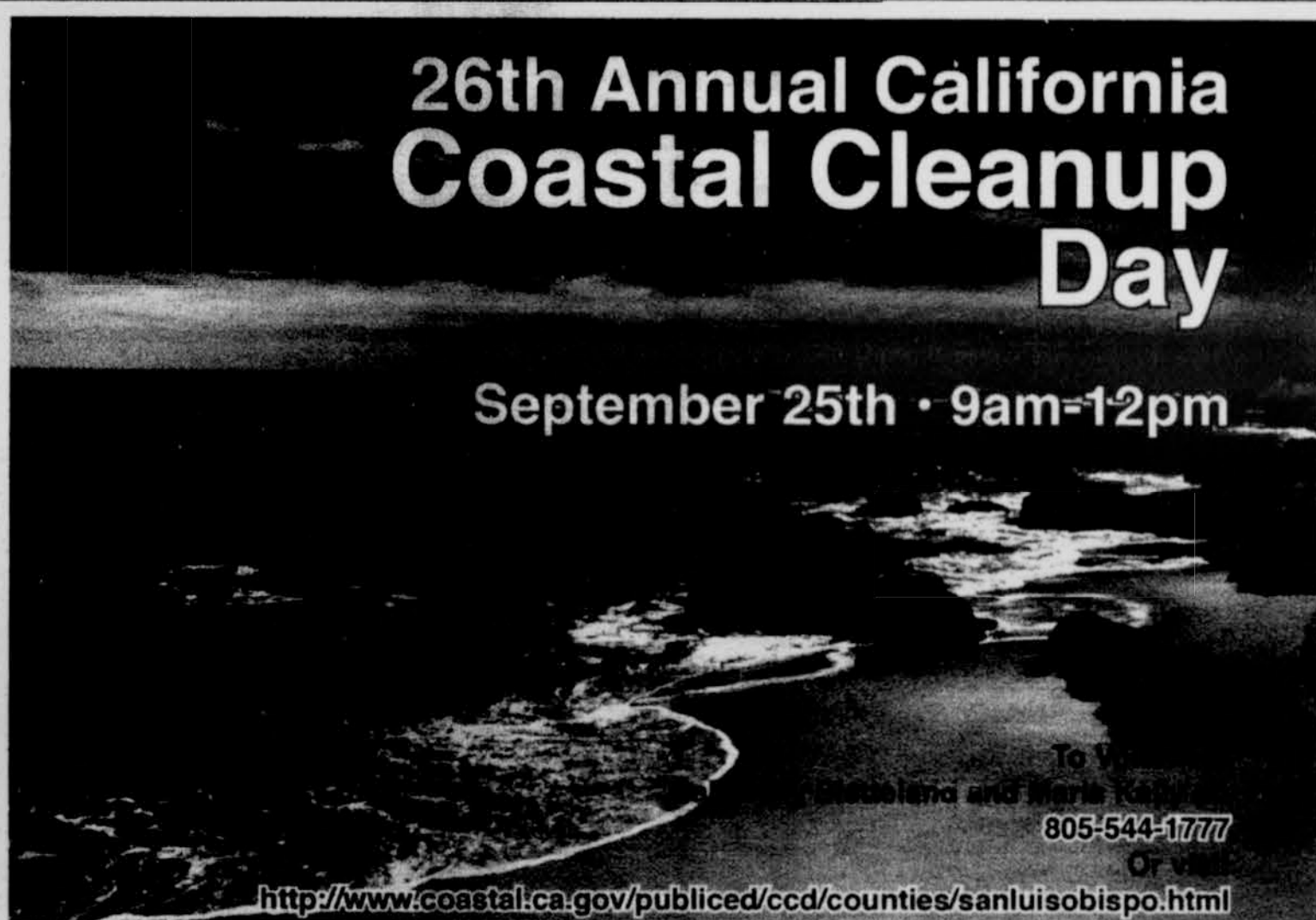
Mariner Energy focuses on oil and natural gas exploration and production in the Gulf of Mexico. Among all operators in the U.S. outer-continental shelf, Mariner ranked the eighth-largest in natural gas production and 24th in oil production.

By the end of 2009, Mariner Energy had interests in nearly 350 federal offshore leases, with more than

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A map of the U.S. Gulf coast shows the location of where a Mariner Energy oil platform exploded and caught fire on Thursday, Sept. 2. In a news conference, officials said the company's seven active wells were not leaking oil. The explosion comes more than four months after BP's Deepwater Horizon rig blowout.



## Arizona sheriff sued in civil rights investigation

Nicholas Riccardi  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The U.S. Department of Justice on Thursday, Sept. 2, announced it had sued Joe Arpaio, the controversial sheriff of Maricopa County in Arizona, for failing to turn over documents in an investigation of whether his aggressive operations against illegal immigrants had violated civil rights.

The litigation came two months after a Justice Department lawsuit halted a tough new Arizona immigration law, which Arpaio strongly supported. The new lawsuit is unrelated to the immigration law and stems from an investigation into the sheriff's immigration enforcement operations. The department said it was the first time in 30 years a police agency had not cooperated in a civil rights probe.

"The actions of the sheriff's office are unprecedented. It is unfortunate that the department was forced to resort to litigation to gain access to public documents and facilities," said Thomas E. Perez, assistant attorney general for the civil rights division, in a statement.

Arpaio's attorney said he could not comment on the lawsuit until he had time to review it.

For more than three years, Arpaio has attracted praise as well as condemnation for using his deputies to track down illegal immigrants. The most high-profile example is his so-called "sweeps," during which deputies flood immigrant-heavy neighborhoods, stop people for minor infractions such as driving with a broken taillight and check their immigration status. The tactics have made Arpaio popular in Arizona, the main gateway for illegal immigrants into the United

States, but also have drawn widespread complaints that he unfairly targets Latinos.

Last year, the Obama administration withdrew from part of an agreement that had allowed Arpaio's deputies to enforce federal immigration laws. The move made little difference — the sheriff says he can use state laws against illegal immigrants and has continued his operations. He has also touted the fact that federal civil rights investigators have yet to charge him with anything, while simultaneously announcing he was not cooperating with them and barring them from his facilities.

In the lawsuit, the Department of Justice said it asked for 51 different sets of documents in March 2009, shortly after launching the probe. Arpaio's office provided only 11 pages and had not handed over any others. His office also would not let investigators tour the county jail or other sheriff's facilities. Arpaio previously said he had no legal obligation to give the Justice Department other material and dismissed the probe as politically motivated.

Arpaio's agency also has been sued by a coalition of private civil rights lawyers who have complained that it has not provided them with documents. A federal judge earlier this year found the sheriff's department had destroyed documents on the sweeps that the plaintiffs' attorneys were legally entitled to review and sanctioned the agency.

Arpaio is also under investigation by a federal grand jury for alleged abuse of power in a separate probe. He has denied those allegations.

## Homeless

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Homeless. The center can serve 130 people daily, while the shelter sleeps 50 and Coalition facilities sleeps 35 overnight.

"We're turning more and more people away," McIntosh said. "We just don't have room."

CAPSLO cannot provide all the needed services, so homeless persons also rely on programs operated by the county government.

The County Departments of Social Services, Mental Health Services and Drug and Alcohol Services assist eligible homeless people but government staff rarely seek the homeless where they live. Instead, the homeless have to travel to the agencies, which is difficult given their precarious circumstances.

Also, the Grand Jury reported that some clients might need services from multiple providers, but the "coordination and integration of services by the primary providers (drug and alcohol services, mental health and the Department of Social Services) is less than ideal."

To provide both housing and easier access to needed services, the county is currently in the process of approving a Homeless Services Center. If built, the center will provide overnight shelter and offices for county staff such as the Health Agency or Department of Social Services.

"The plan calls for 200 beds, a commercial kitchen capable of serving three meals a day, laundry facilities, showers, lockers and storage, offices for case-workers, a classroom for children and community and multipurpose rooms," according to the Grand Jury report.

Tim Blair, secretary of Friends of the Prado Day Center and

author of <http://twitter.com/HungerNoMore>, said the center is supportive of the potential campus.

The lack of integration, he said, is a countywide problem that could be solved with the campus because people wouldn't need to go all over town to get help.

While there are individuals who fit the transient stereotype, Blair said he's seeing "more and more families who are just down on their luck and trying to get by ... I think people would be surprised at how many women, children and families are in need."

The San Luis Obispo Planning Commission approved a use permit for the Homeless Services Center June 23; the County Board of Supervisors also supports the plan. The center will be built on South Higuera Street adjacent to the Department of Social Services.

About local city government, the

Grand Jury wrote that the homeless population's needs have not yet been met, despite the allotment of nearly all of the city's Community Block Grant public services funds for 20 years.

The Grand Jury also found fault with local government's work regarding "Path to a Home: San Luis Obispo Countywide 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness." Published in October 2008, the 86-page document was written by a consultant who had drafted plans for other areas with the same framework and used local data.

Though the cities and county have "accepted" the 10-year plan, the Grand Jury reported that it has not been "adopted" because "adoption" would require governments to implement the plan's objectives.

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110 of those in development. Today, the company has ties to more than 80 deep-water wells.

The firm has been aggressively ramping up its expansion in the Gulf of Mexico since 1996. Some of those exploration and development projects had been in deeper waters, ranging from 1,300 feet up to 7,100 feet. But the one area the business has been particularly active in the Permian basin oil field, off the coast of Texas. As of Dec. 31, 2009, Mariner's net acreage in the Permian Basin was nearly 150,000 acres.

Apache, another petroleum company based in Houston, announced plans to buy Mariner one week prior to the BP oil spill. The \$3.9 billion cash and stock deal is still pending.

It had expected to be finalized by next month.

It was the company's wide swath of drilling acreage and off-shore leases in the Gulf of Mexico, both closer to shore and further out in the deep water, that attracted Apache Corp.'s attention, said Apache spokesman Robert Dye.

"We're monitoring the situation closely," Dye said. "We're still try-

ing to see what sort of damage has happened out there, and if there were any hydrocarbons that were spilled."


As of 2008, the Vermilion 380 site was Mariner Energy's "largest field in the Gulf of Mexico Shelf by reserves," according to the company's 2008 annual report. The field, which consisted of 50 percent oil and 50 percent natural gas, was large enough and robust enough to convince Mariner Energy to drive several wells into it.

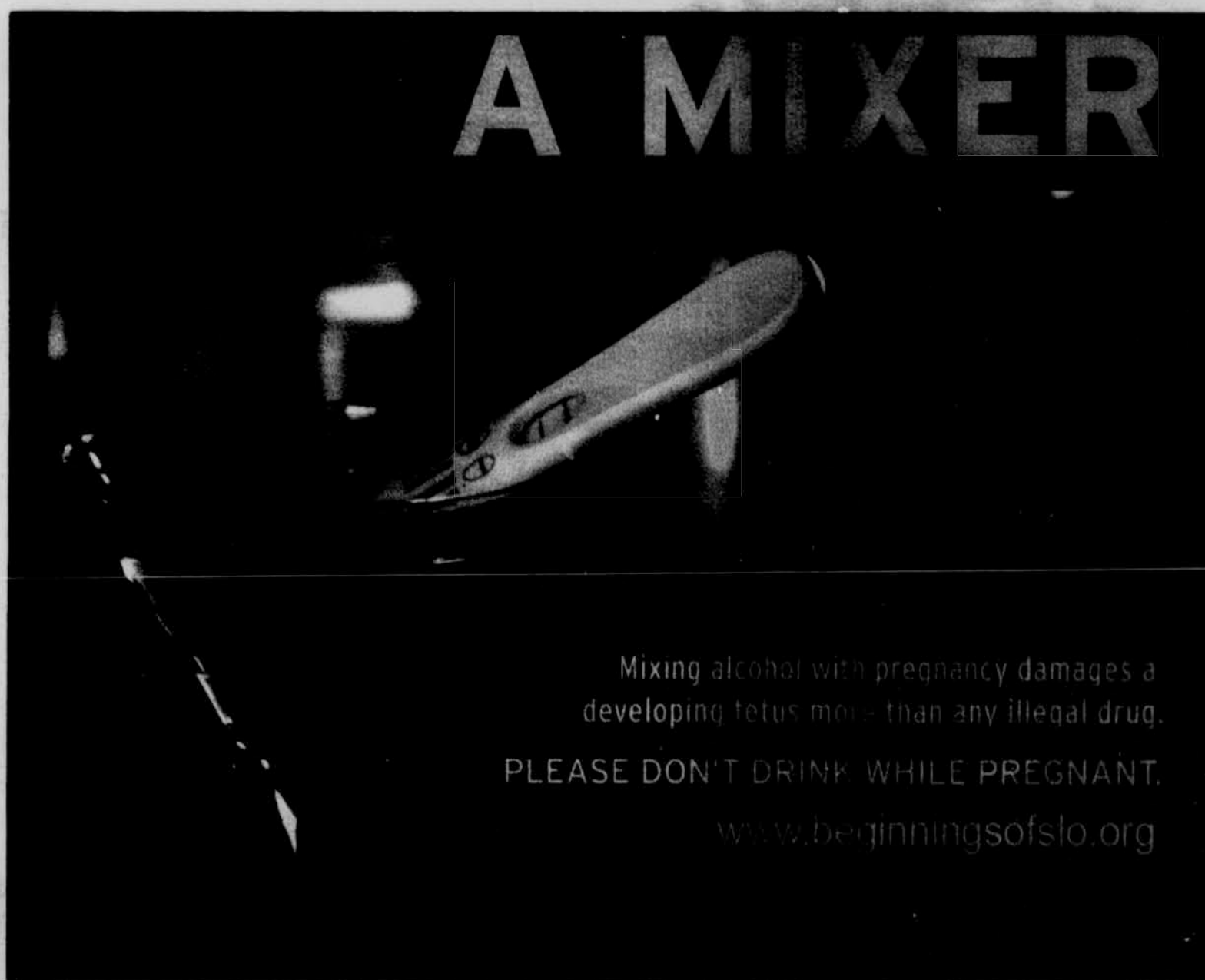
The rig had been active and in production prior to the explosion, Dye said.

Activist Democrats on Thursday said the fire demonstrated the need to bring more stringent regulation to the offshore industry.

Jacqueline Savitz, senior campaign director for the environmental group Oceana, said that the Obama administration should maintain a recently enacted moratorium on oil and gas drilling that has been strongly opposed by both the oil industry and Louisiana politicians.

"We cannot afford to lose any more human lives, nor can we tolerate further damage to the gulf and its irreplaceable ocean ecosystems," Savitz said.

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Oscar Gonzalez, 17, was struck and killed by an Amtrak passenger train near the corner of California Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard July 15. Gonzalez and two of his friends had left Santa Rosa Skatepark to meet friends on the other side of town and used the railroad tracks as a shortcut, said Captain Chris Staley of the San Luis Obispo Police Department. "He was walking ahead of his friends and had his headphones on," Staley said. "The train engineer tried to alert him but he didn't hear the whistle." Gonzalez was struck by the front of the train and died from the collision, Staley said.

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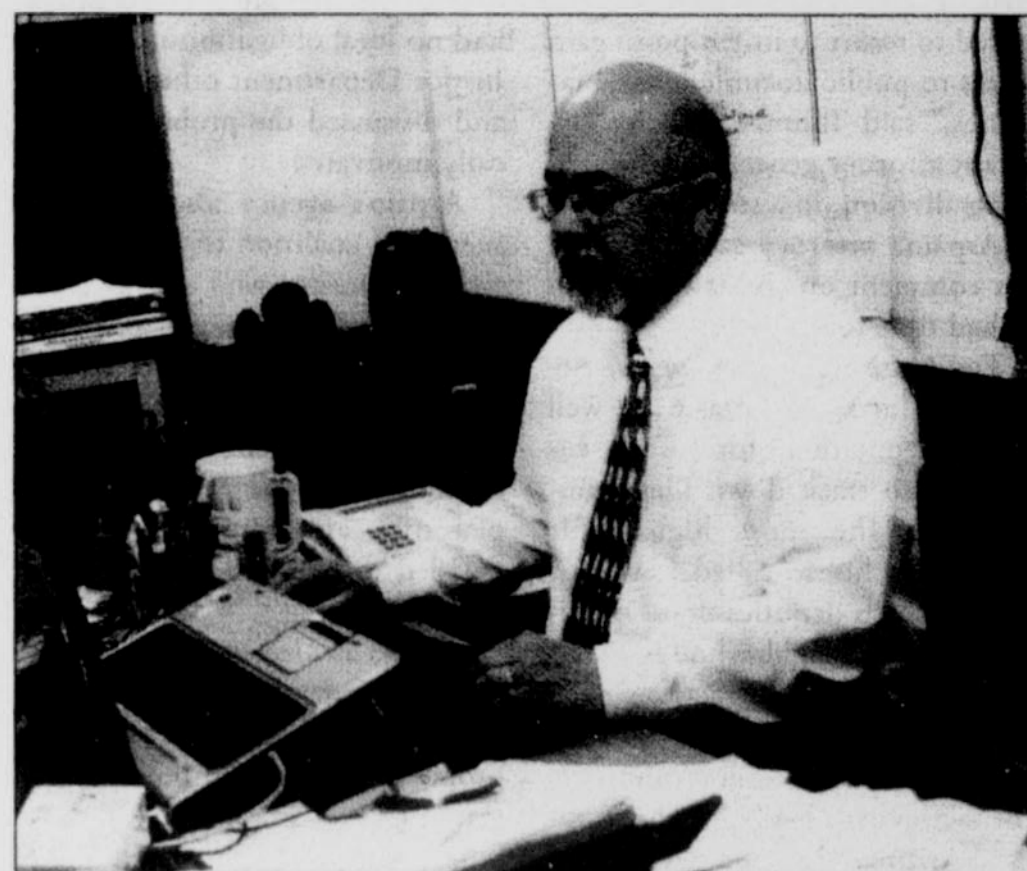


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Journalism department chair Bill Loving was asked to step down by College of Liberal Arts Dean Linda Halisky on Aug. 5. Halisky said she is unable to comment on her reasons behind asking Loving to step down because she can not discuss the particulars of a personnel action. Loving said he will fight Halisky's decision. In the meantime, graphic communication department head Harvey Levenson will serve as "facilitator" to the department until a replacement is hired. As facilitator, Levenson will aid the faculty in coming up with a mission statement for the department, create a positive image of the department and "assist in establishing a unified direction," as reported in a department faculty meeting Aug. 9. "My philosophy is the way to get things done is to surround yourself with good people," Levenson said. "Let them do what they do and support them; get the job done without interfering."

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Former Cal Poly President Warren Baker and other American university leaders visited Israel and Palestine for a week-long educational seminar called Project Interchange Seminar. The seminar focused on complex issues facing Israel and the region. Over the course of the week, the 13-member delegation met with Israeli President Shimon Peres, Palestinian National Authority Prime Minister Salam Fayyad and U.S. Ambassador to Israel James B. Cunningham. The seminar was sponsored and overseen by Project Interchange, an educational institute of the American Jewish Committee.



COURTESY PHOTO

Victory for Cal Poly in the National Concrete Canoe Competition was a result of brains and brawn — but mostly brains. Cal Poly took first place June 19 and 20 in the American Society of Civil Engineers National Concrete Canoe Competition. Cal Poly beat out 21 other teams from the U.S. and Canada. The teams were scored in four different categories: design paper, technical presentation, the design and aesthetics of the canoe and the races. "It's mostly intellectual," said civil engineering graduate Steve Gursky, one of the paddlers and organizers for Cal Poly.

## College student sentenced for PA Craigslist heists

Riley Yates  
THE MORNING CALL

Corey A. Jackson was a senior at East Stroudsburg University in need of money. That's why, he claimed, he started using fake online ads to lure strangers that he robbed.

Sure, the economy is bad and college is expensive, Northampton County President Judge E.P. Kimberly McFadden told Jackson. But that's no excuse, she said.

"That doesn't allow you in any way to go out and steal things from people," McFadden told the 22-year-old before sentencing him to 19 months to five years in state prison for his crimes in Northampton County.

Under the scheme that he also pulled in Philadelphia, Jackson posed on the classified online site Craigslist as someone looking to buy or sell expensive items, police said. But when his unsuspecting counterparts met him in person to complete the sales, he instead stole from them.

Jackson's spree ended a year ago after a police sting in which he tried to steal an engagement ring from an undercover Philadelphia officer, police said.

Locally, Jackson used his scam to steal a computer in Bethlehem and expensive jewelry in Bethlehem Township, while also pepper spray-

ing the man he robbed in Bethlehem. In July, Jackson pleaded guilty to robbery and theft, both felonies.

"It doesn't matter to the victim who is standing there being robbed or being sprayed with Mace in the face that he was doing it to get tuition money," said Assistant District Attorney Patricia Mulqueen.

The Bethlehem heist was on April 3, 2009, after Jackson posted an ad offering to sell a laptop for \$1,400. He and Jeff Tran met in the 400 block of Montclair Avenue, but after Jackson was given the money, he sprayed Tran and grabbed the computer back, police said.

On July 24, 2009, in Bethlehem Township, Jackson and Dale Gardner had arranged for Jackson to buy a \$2,300 engagement ring. Instead, Jackson shoved Gardner, grabbed the ring and fled from their meeting place at the 3900 block of Nazareth Pike.

In court, Jackson said he is deeply sorry for what he did, and claimed it was out of character. Standing in a prison jumpsuit, he said he should instead be in prelaw courses at his university.

"It's a terrible mistake," he told McFadden. "I just need another chance."

Defense attorney Joseph Yannuzzi said his client hopes to one day salvage what is left of his education. Yannuzzi

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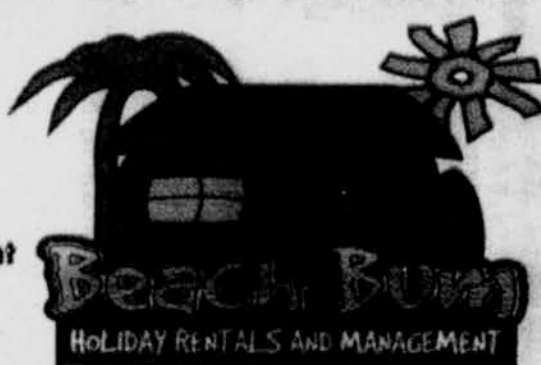
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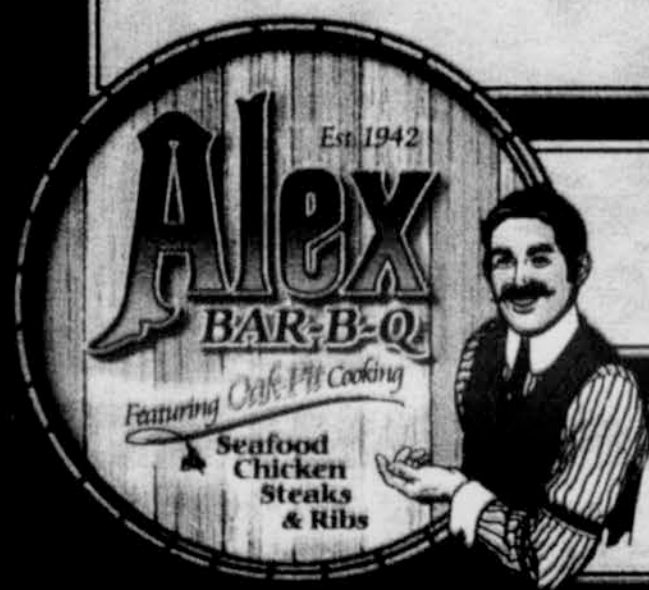
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said the crimes stemmed from Jackson trying to fulfill his obligations, but unfortunately in an illegal way.

"It's certainly a wake-up call to him that he can't live his life in the criminal arena," Yannuzzi said.

McFadden said Jackson is either a very misguided student or a very clever criminal. But she said she was troubled by the fact he did the scams

a number of times.

"This became for you a system," she said. "You figured out this was going to work and you just continued to run with it."

Jackson pleaded guilty to aggravated assault in one of his Philadel-

phia cases and received five years of probation, according to court records. He has another case pending.

Under McFadden's sentence, he owes restitution to Tran and Gardner.

## DNA

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rate and reliable results."

"CDPH shared with UC Berkeley that, by law, tests must be conducted in licensed laboratories if results are to be released to an individual," Reilly said.

School officials had touted the DNA testing as an engaging learning experience for students new to Berkeley. Over the summer, the college sent 5,000 incoming students DNA test kits and asked them to spit in a tube and send it back. Participation was optional and anonymous. Each saliva sample was labeled with a bar code number that only the student knew.

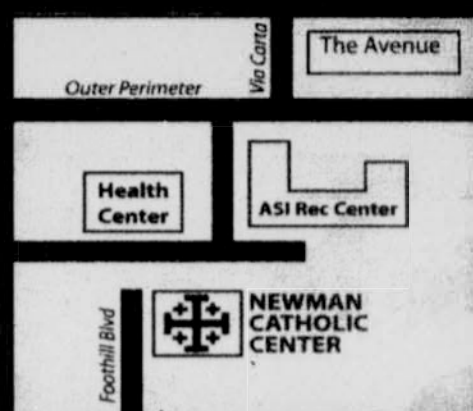
The plan was to test the saliva samples for three gene variations — those involved in breaking down lactose, metabolizing alcohol and absorbing folic acid — and give each student the results of their own test. Lectures and seminars throughout the school year would explore scientific, legal and ethical issues involved in genetic testing, which Schlissel described as an exploding business in California.

About 700 students had returned saliva samples, Schlissel said.

The project drew criticism as soon as it was announced in May. Detractors said it was poorly thought out and rife with potential privacy violations and confusion for students. Many of them were pleased that the Department of Public Health compelled the university to change the project.

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# Cal Poly alumni heads WOW-A-RAMA for twenty-first year

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When Frank Warren graduated from Cal Poly in 1989, WOW-A-RAMA did not exist. Add a proposition from the WOW board and fast forward 20 years later and Warren is now the host.

WOW-A-RAMA, which takes place on the first night of WOW, is an evening full of social group games to help new students get to know one another. Prior to Warren, a company was paid to host an event on the first night of WOW, called PlayFair, Warren said.

He said he wondered why Cal Poly was spending large quantities of money to bring someone in when they could just do it themselves.

"The more I got involved with leadership in WOW, I commented a few times about how we needed something more Cal Poly specific," he said.

Warren worked his way up the WOW ladder beginning his sophomore year when he signed up to be a WOW counselor, now known as an Orientation Leader. The next year he was part of WOW team, and his senior year Warren was a member of the WOW Board, the highest tier of students involved in WOW.

That was when the WOW board made him a proposition: "if you think you can do better, then

why don't we pay you a quarter of what we pay them to see if you can do it," Warren said.

Warren took on the challenge in 1990.

Warren, a Cal Poly graduate, has been involved with both the San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly community since he was a young adult.

A San Luis Obispo High School graduate, Warren received his undergraduate degree from Cal Poly in speech communication in 1989 as well as his graduate degree in public policy from Cal Poly. Warren said he was interested in exploring KCPR, Cal Poly's radio station.

"My real intent for going to (Cal Poly) was to work at the radio station," Warren said.

Warren attended elementary and middle school around the same time that Weird Al worked at KCPR and thought he would get a career working in the industry, he said.

Even though he was interested in being involved at Cal Poly, his initial aspirations weren't to be involved with leadership for Week

of Welcome (WOW).

"I went through WOW and had a blast," Warren said. The only other WOW experience Warren had had until that point was through "WOW record" — a six minute commercial for WOW that aired on KCPR.

After taking on the job, Warren

WOW — known around campus as Wowies — would also be more inclined to participate, he said.

Eric Cerney, a computer engineering senior and member of the 2010 WOW Board, said it's important for people to branch out of their comfort zone and to get involved in the event.

"I was pretty reserved when I first came here, but having so many people out there not caring and seeing the Wow leaders involved was when I started to branch out."

Aside from WOW-A-RAMA, Warren is an active member of the community.

Currently, he is the division manager for the Mental

Health Services Act programs for San Luis Obispo County. He oversees "all of the county's prevention programs in alcohol and mental health," he said. Part of his job is to work with local high school students to teach them about alcohol and drug prevention.

Jason Mockford, assistant coordinator of Orientation Programs at Cal Poly, said that Warren is a valuable asset for Cal Poly because he knows about new techniques

that work to help keep kids off of alcohol, among other things.

"I think (Warren) is a great connection for the university to have because he lets us know about the (mentality of the) high school students that are coming in," Mockford said. "He's an extremely valuable resource to us."

"Working with an alcohol free program (such as WOW) really encouraged me to do this type of work," Warren said.

Warren is also the Friday Night Live (FNL) coordinator, and has been directing since 1994, he said. FNL is a program held at high schools and middle schools across the county that focuses on inspiring healthy youth development.

He also helps out with orientation programs at other schools, such as at St. Mary's and the University of California, Davis.

"A lot of the reasoning behind Warren hosting WOW-A-RAMA is to show students that they can have a lot of fun without having to drink," Cerney said. "He also likes to show students that they can contact him if they're having problems with drinking related issues or even just life in general."

Warren said he wants students to see WOW-A-RAMA as a great example of something fun that doesn't involve alcohol.

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**I was pretty reserved when I first came here, but having so many people out there not caring and seeing the Wow leaders involved was when I started to branch out.**


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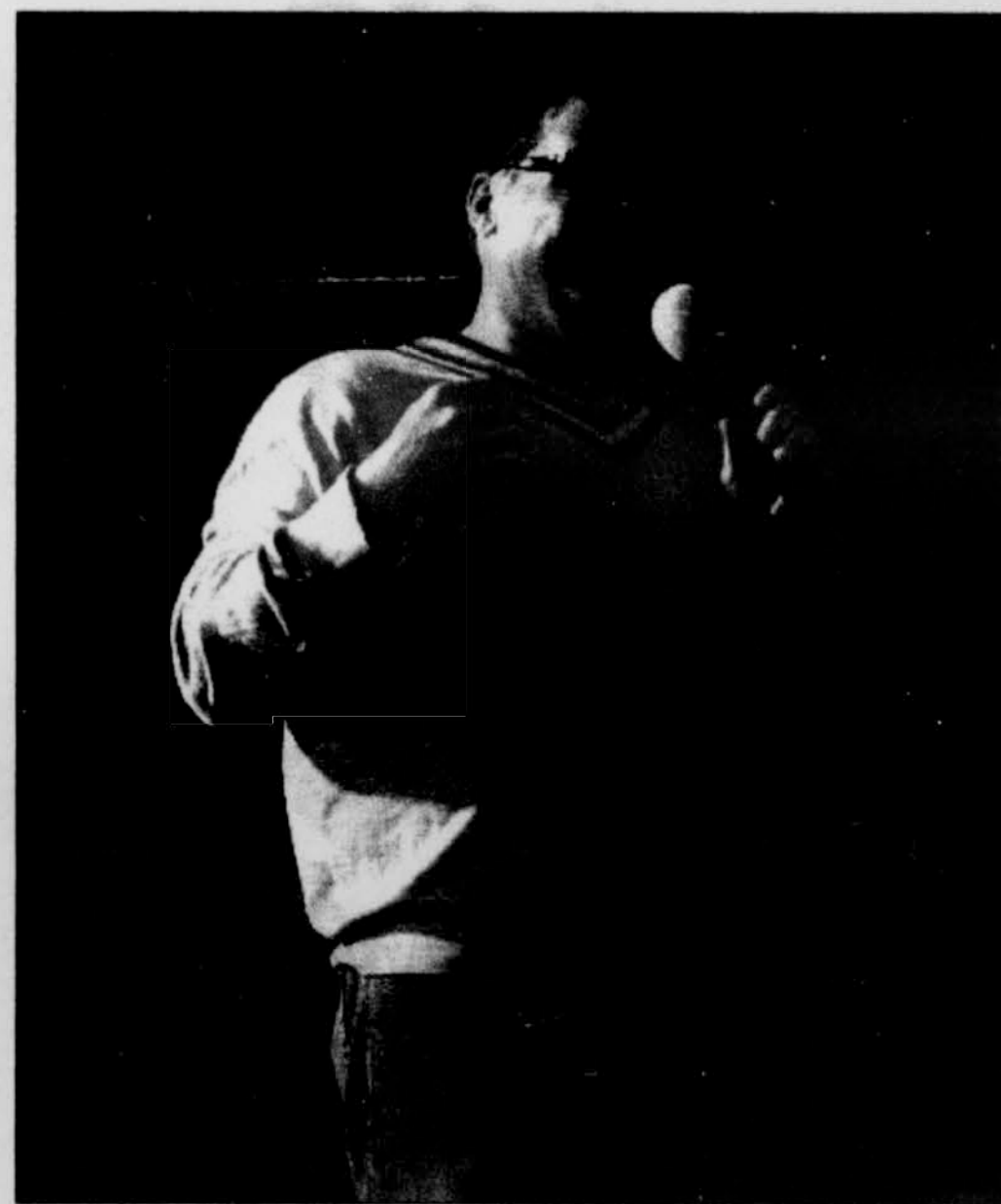


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Warren at last year's WOW-A-RAMA. Warren is the pioneer of WOW-A-RAMA, which he started 21 years ago. WOW-A-RAMA, which is a night of social games, is for students meet one another in a fun environment.



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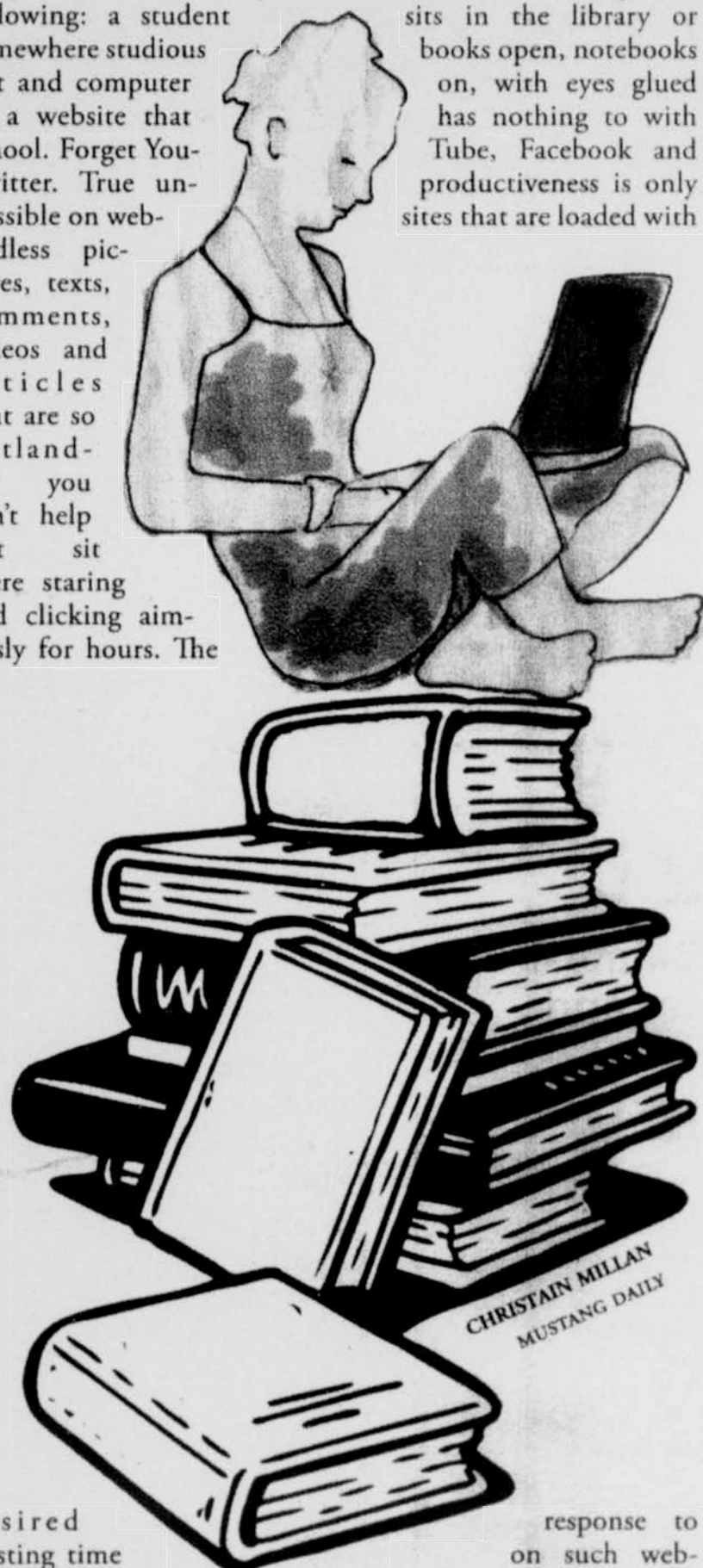


# Sit down, click in and tune out: places to procrastinate when you shouldn't be

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It's no secret that students can't help but procrastinate as long as possible. A typical scenario usually goes as follows: a student sits in the library or somewhere studious with books open, notebooks on, with eyes glued to a website that has nothing to do with school. Forget YouTube, Facebook and Twitter. True unproductiveness is only possible on websites that are loaded with pictures, texts, comments, videos and articles that are so outlandish you can't help but sit there staring and clicking aimlessly for hours. The



desired wasting time sites is, "I need response to on such websites is, "I need to do something productive now."

Ultimately, using procrastination sites can convince a student to get their work done, but only after at least an hour of mindlessness.

After numerous hours of surfing the Web, consulting with friends and becoming entranced by the websites featured in this article, here is a list of 10 procrastination websites that will make it a cinch to minimize assignments and maximize browser windows.

To reach optimal viewing pleasure, the following is recommended:

ommended: set a time limit on the sites and share anything worthy with friends or, better yet, recruit a viewing partner and enjoy the hilarity together.

## StumbleUpon.com

Create a free account, choose the categories you find interesting and start stumbling. There is anything from news articles to quizzes to lists of must-see YouTube videos that pop up. The best part is, as soon as you lose interest, click the "Stumble!" button and move to the next page.

**Procrastination time:** 1+ hour

**Similar site:** Digg.com

## TextsFromLastNight.com

This site features all those stupid thoughts, less-than-perfect moments and outrageous statements that friends share via text. Anyone can upload an amusing text they have received and share it anonymously by only referring to the sender and recipient by area code. The site has the top texts separated into "best," "worst" and "random" categories.

**Procrastination time:** Less than one hour.

**Similar site:** There is a Cal Poly version of this website on Facebook.

**Example:** (479): Just saw a motorized bathtub. I think this college thing is gonna work out.

## FMyLife.com

Everyone has those moments where they just want to die as they say to themselves: "Did that really just happen?" On FMyLife.com people are encouraged to share these moments in an open forum. People can read and rate the experience as "I agree, your life sucks" or "you totally deserved it." That way you can determine for yourself, or others, if it should be chalked up to a bad day or an experience worthy of forgetting.

**Procrastination time:** Less than one hour.

**Similar site:** There is a Cal Poly version of this at CalPolyFML.com and MyLifeIsAverage.com.

**Example:** "Today, I realized that it wasn't my science partner that smelled bad, it was me. How? The guy I have a crush on handed me a stick of deodorant and said, 'Please use it.' FML."

## CollegeHumor.com

CollegeHumor is both an aggregator website, meaning that they pull content from other websites and link to the original, and its own production medium, such as short videos made just for the website. It features pages dedicated to videos, pictures, articles, hotlinks and more. The creators also create daily "Staff Picks" of what they find most amusing.

**Procrastination time:** 1+ hour

**Similar site:** TheChive.com

## FreeRice.com

Ever want to procrastinate and help a worthy cause at the same time? Problem solved. FreeRice asks a series of questions and for every correct answer the World Food Programme donates 10 grains of rice to help fight world hunger. There is no time limit for playing and the difficulty level of the questions can be changed at any time.

**Procrastination time:** Less than one hour.

**Similar site:** TheHungerSite.com

## PostSecret.com

This website is a compilation of secrets sent via postcard and e-mail to the project creator. People from around the world can write anonymous thoughts and experiences they need to get off their chest, and they are later published on PostSecret.com and in Post Secret books. The "secrets" range from amusing realizations to worried pleas.

**Example:** I'm pretty sure my dad found my vibrator while helping me move into college! I thought I had it well-hidden!

**Procrastination time:** Less than one hour.

**Similar Site:** SixBillionSecrets.com

## TheOnion.com

For those interested in procrastination that involves current events, this is the perfect site. The Onion features somewhat newsworthy stories with a humorous spin. Every article is written in a satirical tone and many are parodies of an actual news story. Like many comedic news sources, it prompts the reader to distinguish the news aspects from fictional embellishments.

**Procrastination time:** 1+ hour

## PeopleOfWalmart.com

If you haven't gotten lost in this abyss of a site yet, you need to. It hosts pictures, mostly from cellphones, submitted from around the country. The pictures are all of people shopping in Walmart, but the catch is that the people are wearing outfits that are jaw-droppingly awkward. One of the best parts is seeing what people in your home state are shopping in.

**Procrastination time:** Less than one hour.

**Similar site:** PeopleOfPublicTransit.com

## AwkwardFamilyPhotos.com

This site invites people to share any awkward family photo they were tricked into taking or willingly took part in. It allows for a caption to be included that conveys the thoughts the picture provokes in a retrospective sense.

**Procrastination time:** Less than one hour.

**Similar sites:** AwkwardFamilyPetPhotos.com

## EpicFail.com

EpicFail is a cumulative site of pictures and videos of people or objects attempting to complete a task or serve a purpose, but every time the attempt falls short and becomes an "epic fail." The best of these so-called fails are further separated into such categories as: animal, celeb, game, people and sport fails.

**Procrastination time:** Less than one hour.

**Similar site:** FailBlog.org and LameBook.com

## PerezHilton.com

Anyone who has ever picked up a tabloid, gossip magazine or watched TMZ is probably already familiar with Perez Hilton. For those who are not, Perez and his team gather the latest in celebrity — or as Perez says, "celeb" — gossip and share it on his website. Every story is accompanied by a photo of the celeb (or celebs), in question, commentary by Perez, and, when appropriate, a video or link.

**Procrastination time:** 1+ hour

**Similar site:** TheSuperficial.com

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## WOW

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"I hope you look back to WOW-A-RAMA and think, 'Yes, I really can and I did have a great time that night,'" he said.

Liberal studies junior and second year Orientation Leader Nicole Rodgers enjoyed her first WOW-A-RAMA.

"At my first WOW-A-RAMA I was in awe of this energetic man talking really fast," she said. "Warren isn't just apart of WOW-A-RAMA, he is WOW-A-RAMA. Frank WOW-A-RAMA, really, that's what I call him."

## Arts

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community members in mind when choosing shows. However, booking specifically for students is difficult because they have yet to produce a large turnout, he said.

Lerian said students are turned off by the thought of paying for a small show, but if more students paid to see shows, Cal Poly Arts would book bigger names.

In addition, Lerian said it is hard to compete with the free shows offered by Associated Students Inc. and larger venues like Chumash Casino.

To compete with other venues, shows are added throughout the sea-

son mostly because San Luis Obispo is the perfect spot for tours to stop and play a show for the night.

"Cal Poly is in an interesting position because we are exactly half way between San Francisco and Los Angeles," Lerian said.

Despite battling for bookings and venues, Lerian said he is excited to see the comedic stylings of Bill Cosby on Sept. 26, as well as Steve Martin strumming away on a banjo to his Grammy-winning, grassroots folk music on Oct. 6.

Lisa Woske, head of public relations for Cal Poly Arts, said it's currently the middle of the ticket-subscription period, which continues throughout the season.

Woske said the best savings, which come to 20 percent off face value, are

available through fixed-series packages, which are based on show genres.

The other type of subscription is a create-your-own package. If four to seven tickets are purchased, there is a 10 percent discount on each ticket; if eight or more tickets are purchased, there is a 15 percent discount on each ticket.

Lerian also said students, faculty and staff each get an additional 20 percent off the ticket price; therefore, students can receive 40-percent savings. Students have the option of purchasing student rush tickets an hour before the show for \$13.

This article was originally published on July 1, 2010.

## The Slang of SLO

**SLOcats (n.)** Native residents of San Luis Obispo.

**Ex:** "That friendly SLOcat pointed me in the direction of Taco Bell."

**Poly Dolly (n.)** A good looking female that attends Cal Poly.

**Ex:** "Men, that Poly Dolly is hot."

**The Vag (n.)** A common abbreviation for VG café, a restaurant that is popular among freshman on campus.

**Ex:** "Want to get some late night at The Vag?"

**DTB (n.)** An abbreviation for Downtown Brewing Co., a popular concert venue downtown.

**Ex:** "Dude, it's hot wings night at DTB. Let's go."

**LOVR (n.)** An abbreviation for Los Oaks Valley Road, a road west of Cal Poly which leads to the town of Santa Barbara, Ventura County, and the city of Santa Barbara.

**Ex:** "That bus goes to LOVR. Let's go to Chetov."

**Natty Café (n.)** A nickname for The Natural Café, a popular vegetarian restaurant downtown.

**Ex:** "I'm hungry and want a salad. Let's hit up Natty Café."

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# Cal Poly Arts announces new performance lineup

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Bill Cosby, Steve Martin, Chinese acrobats and Legally Blonde are some of the featured shows in next year's lineup at the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center.

Director of Cal Poly Arts, Steve Lorian, said it took about seven months to successfully fill this year's lineup with

ing," a rock-musical set in 1890s Germany, is an eight-time Tony Award-winning performance and was called the "most gorgeous Broadway score this decade" by Entertainment Weekly. "Spamalot," the story of King Arthur's quest for the Holy Grail, is also a Tony Award-winning production.

While some are repeat visitors to the Performing Arts Center (PAC), this year's shows are potentially more



COURTESY PHOTO

Esperanza Spalding will be visiting the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center (PAC) in an eight-member ensemble on Oct. 8, 2010.

shows sure to create hype and draw large crowds.

"I get a jigsaw puzzle of artists that we can afford, (artists) people will want to see and those who will make for the best season," he said.

Lorian said shows like "Spring Awakening," scheduled for Jan. 30, and "Monty Python's Spamalot," scheduled for Feb. 28, are expected to draw large crowds of students. "Spring Awaken-

student-friendly.

"This is my second season booking shows and I learned a lot about what people want to see more and less of from the first season," Lorian said. "People don't thirst for old, chestnut Broadway. They need newer shows."

Lorian said he likes to keep Cal Poly students and San Luis Obispo

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# Local late-night munchie spots to satisfy your cravings

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It's after midnight — the only thing to eat on campus this late comes out of a vending machine. The sounds coming from your stomach are cries for help. To top it off, you have no mode of transportation.

Even though San Luis Obispo

does not have drive-thru fast food, there are numerous appetizing destinations open well past midnight. Any late night cravings can be satisfied for a small price and located less than one mile from campus.

When it is past midnight and the munchies are unassuageable, try one of these late-night hot spots.

## Taco Bell

**Distance:** Less than one mile

**Location:** Corner of Santa Rosa and Olive streets.

**Open until:** Sunday - Thursday: 3 a.m. Friday - Saturday: 4 a.m.

**Deal:** "Why pay more?" and "\$2 meal deal" menus



## Domino's Pizza

**Distance:** Less than one mile

**Location:** Foothill Boulevard and Chorro Street.

**Open until:** Sunday - Wednesday 2 a.m. and Thursday - Saturday: 3 a.m.

**Deal:** Various coupons, online ordering and delivery



## Pita Pit

**Distance:** Less than one mile

**Location:** Foothill Boulevard and Chorro Street.

**Open until:** Monday - Saturday: 3 a.m.

**Deal:** Daily deals in store, online ordering and delivery



## El Nabor

**Distance:** Less than one mile

**Location:** California Boulevard and Taft Street.

**Open until:** Thursday - Saturday: 3 a.m.

**Deal:** Free salsa



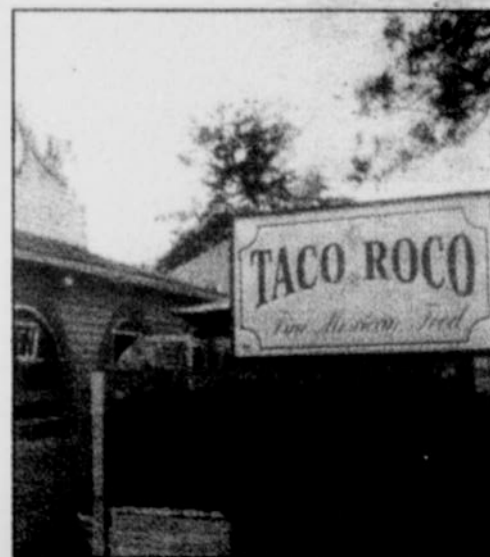
## Taco Roco

**Distance:** Less than one mile

**Location:** Santa Rosa, between Murray and Olive streets

**Open until:** Thursday - Saturday: 3 a.m.

**Deal:** Free chips, salsa and coffee



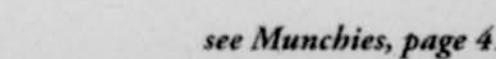
## Chilie Pepper's

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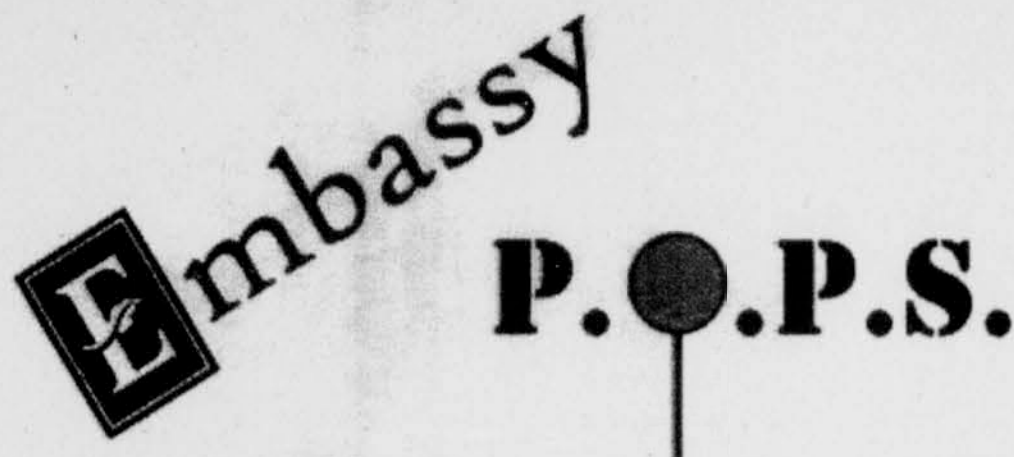
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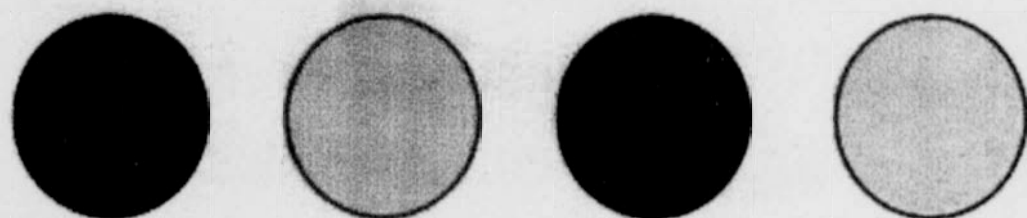


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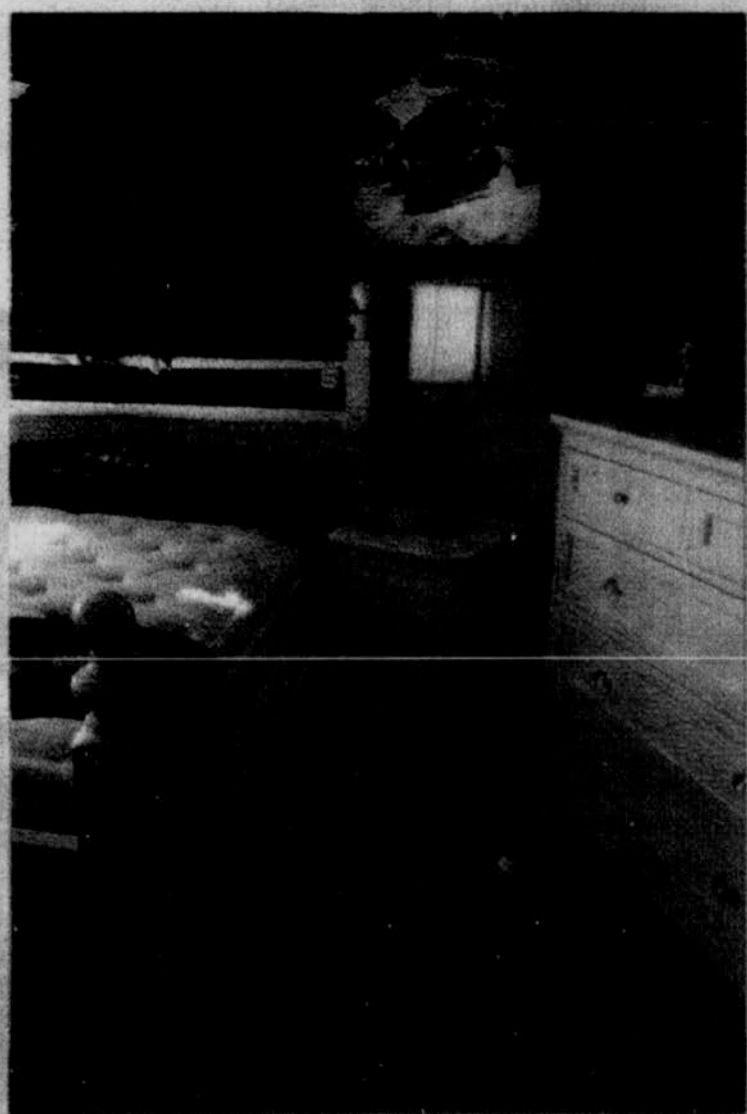
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### Jack in the Box

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**Location:** Corner of Santa Rosa and Olive Street.  
**Open:** 24-hours  
**Deal:** Value menu

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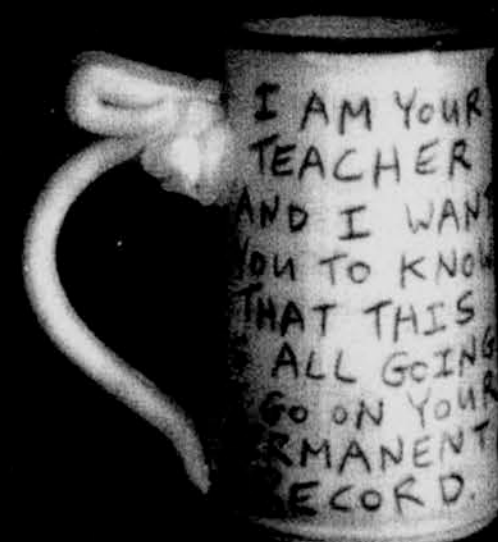
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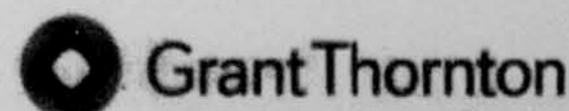
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# Where to rock out: places to see the bands you like

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Rock, reggae, blues, country and hip-hop are all encompassed in the San Luis Obispo music scene; the question is where to see them. There are a few places to see live music performed within the limits of Cal Poly but here are the places that hold concerts consistently.

## Downtown Brewing Co.:

Also known as DTB, this popular bar is located in the heart of downtown San Luis Obispo at 1119 Garden St. and offers a restaurant upstairs and concerts downstairs.

Todd Newman, an operator of DTB, said it is the only venue that brings all genres to the Central Coast.

"We are the music venue for the Central Coast," Newman said. "We bring the names that students want to see."

The lineup last year included artists such as The Expendables, Jimmy Eat World, E-40 and DJ Quik. This year the lineup includes Minus the Bear and Collie Buddz.

"We have a real sound system, so this greatly improves the concerts," Newman said.

The huge speakers make every seat downstairs a good one, but the proximity of the front row to the stage keeps people coming back.

Since the venue is small, each concert is like having the bands perform in

your living room, said David Martinez, a DTB patron.

"Last year I saw Swollen Members and I could have touched Mad Child's foot if I wanted to," Martinez said. "I was that close."

Tickets are on sale as far as three months in advance and can be purchased at Boo Boo Records on Monterey Street or at ticketweb.com. Also check out the website, DTBrew.com, for upcoming shows.

## The Clubhouse at This Old House:

The Clubhouse is a location that is great for the under 21 crowd. Some other venues have age restrictions for certain concerts, but The Clubhouse (for the most part), does not because it is a restaurant first and foremost. But it also has bands perform on the weekends with covers up to \$8.

Owner Andrew Adams said that because it is a restaurant it avoids really loud bands, but do offer all kinds of music.

"We have singer-songwriter stuff, country, bluegrass, rock — but not so much hard rock," Adams said.

The Clubhouse is hidden away next to virtually nothing. Located off of Foothill Boulevard but closer to Los Osos Valley Road, The Clubhouse is not a place to walk to. Adams said it was like a roadhouse.

"It's like an old western pub," Adams said. "It's a term for off the beaten path — people would drive to these

places for a great time."

Past local bands to play include Dentures and the Mother Corn Shuck-

ers and Nataly Lola. The lineup for this year has international touring artist SAIBU, a French indie folk band,

and The Topsy Gypsies, a self descri-

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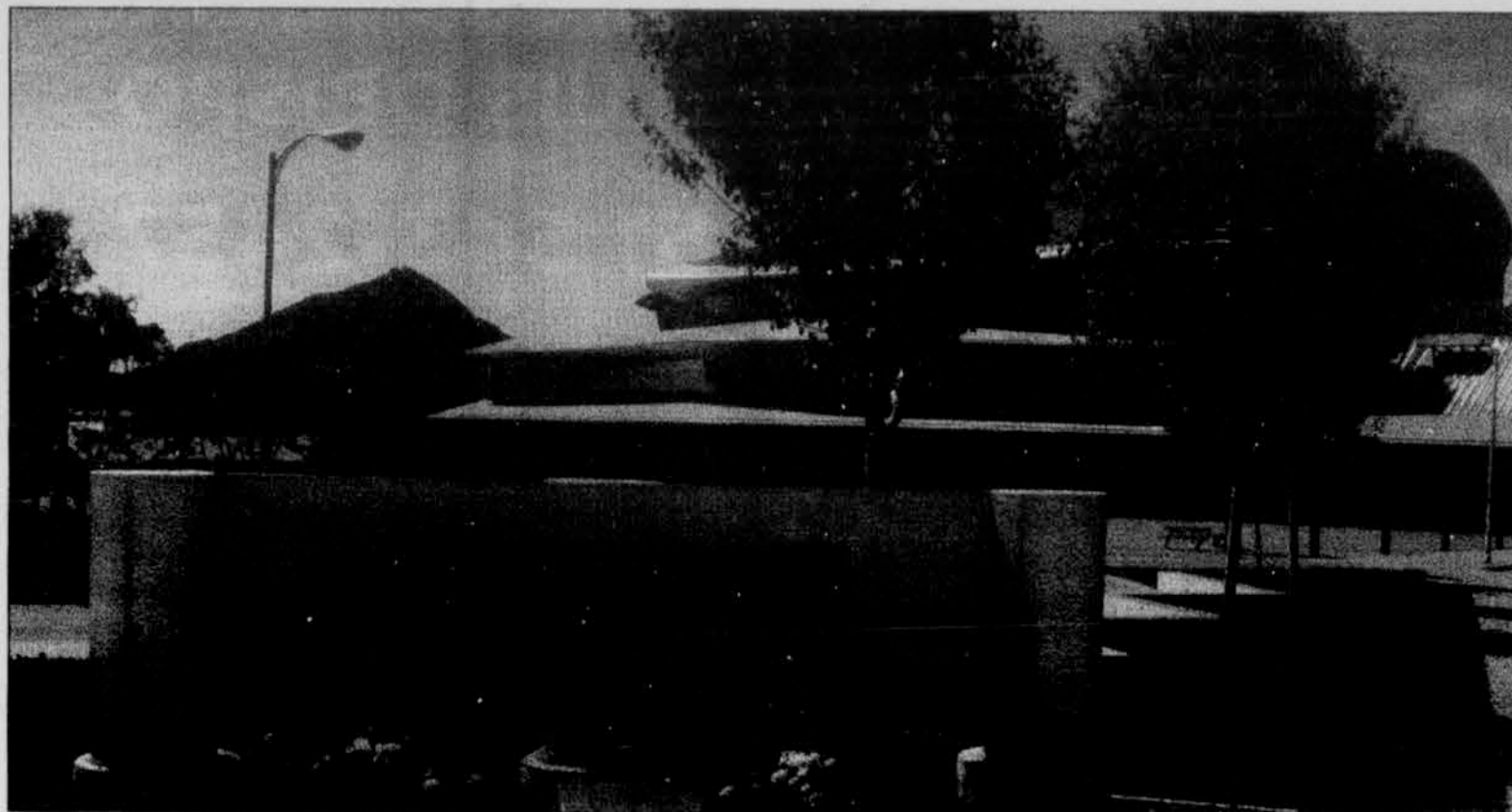
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Cal Poly's own music venue strays from local bands and focuses on big productions. For the more refined pallet look no further than the PAC. Opened in 1996, the Cohan Center holds performances from touring groups to local groups such as the Civic Ballet and the symphony.

In the past, the PAC has had performing arts from theater, music, dance and Broadway touring shows.

Lisa Woske, representative of public affairs for Cal Poly Arts, said the PAC is an incredibly beautiful venue where students and residents can experience a myriad of artists and performances right on the Cal Poly campus.

"We've brought musical artists from around the globe and from the top stages in their fields," Woske said.

Cal Poly Arts also offers tickets at a student rush rate so students can also enjoy the performances while staying within their budgets.

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The rush tickets are available up to

two to five days before show dates. For more information on upcoming shows and performances go to [PacSLO.org](http://PacSLO.org) or [CalPolyarts.org](http://CalPolyarts.org).

## Pozo Saloon:

An outdoor saloon in the middle nowhere with practically no cell phone coverage shouldn't be popular, but it is. A 45-minute drive from the Cal Poly campus, the saloon sits on five acres of land, two of which are devoted to outside stage.

Levi Bean, a promoter for Pozo Saloon said that Pozo is unique because the saloon has been around since 1882 and is a part of county history.

"The Pozo Saloon used to be an stagecoach stop, and has really been apart of the county forever," Bean said. "The saloon and what remains of the Pozo Hotel are all that's left of the Pozo town."

Although at the saloon boasts its roots, the concerts are anything but out-dated. Well known performers include Snoop Dogg, Ice Cube and Willie Nelson.

"Pozo offers a little bit of everything," Bean said. "We have shows that appeal to the people who like country and then we have concerts that appeal to the people who like rock as well."

Since the saloon is an outdoor venue they have a capacity of 3,000. There are two different types of seating, reserved and lawn, Bean said.

"The saloon is a fairly inexpensive venue, with options for ticket prices with reserved seating or lawn seating," Bean said. "The average ticket is about \$40, but for the bigger shows such as Big & Rich it can be \$60."

To purchase tickets in San Luis Obispo, go to Boo Boo Records on Monterey Street or online at [PozoSaloon.com](http://PozoSaloon.com).



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# Laughter yoga stimulates mind, body and funny bone

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Learning to laugh gives people a different way to deal with the world and their problems.

Bob Banner, who teaches people about laughter, introduced the concept of laughter yoga at the community center next to the San Luis Obispo County Library Thursday, July 15.

"Why be upset and be miserable when you can't change anything?" Banner said.

Instead, he said, try laughter.

"Laughter is contagious and associated with fun," Banner said. "You don't need a sense of humor, and you don't need to be happy to do it."

Banner learned about laughter yoga in December of 2009. The

Breathing correctly keeps practitioners from getting light-headed or becoming dizzy, Banner said.

While breathing is important, Banner also encourages practitioners to use what they learn in sessions in real life. In one exercise, Banner pretends to point and look at his watch while laughing. He said this will create an alternative response when people look at their watches and react to being late.

"It is the flexibility of choice," Banner said. "The choice to be in a good mood or the choice to be in a bad mood."

Eve Neuhaus, a local writer, opens her house to laughter yoga sessions four times a month. She said it is a great exercise that emphasizes the importance of breathing and incorporating that into a carefree lifestyle.

**Laughter is contagious and associated with fun. You don't need a sense of humor, and you don't need to be happy to do it.**

— Bob Banner  
Laughter Yoga Instructor

practice teaches people to laugh at themselves and laugh more. The movements can be anything from hopping from foot to foot to dancing around the room. Banner said this makes a simulation of laughter that leads to genuine laughter.

Banner learned to be a laughter yoga teacher by studying under Dr. Madan Kataria of Mumbai, India, in March 2010.

Kataria learned the benefits of laughter when he wrote an article about the effects of laughing in 1995. He created a laughter club where people could laugh together. The laughter club relied upon jokes, which weren't always effective, he said. So he turned to his wife, a yoga teacher, to see if they could simulate laughing with the body. She helped develop laughter yoga by explaining to the practitioners the correct ways to breathe.

"It helps people feel free," Neuhaus said. "I think the exercises have made me able to take things a little more lightly."

The movements are built for almost everyone — the most intensive requires a person to roll with their back on the floor. Banner said laughter yoga doesn't require any prior yoga knowledge and is for everyone.

Vraja Sauer features laughter yoga classes at her restaurant Vraja's Kitchen on Sundays. She said people need more choices of how to relax.

"I believe in laughter yoga. We're on call all the time, but what about the fun in life?" Sauer said. "I believe it can change people's lives."

Although she is relatively new

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Laughter Yoga teaches people to laugh at themselves and each other. Bob Banner said the simulated laughter leads to genuine laughter. Breathing is also an important concept in laughter yoga because it helps the participant feel light-headed.



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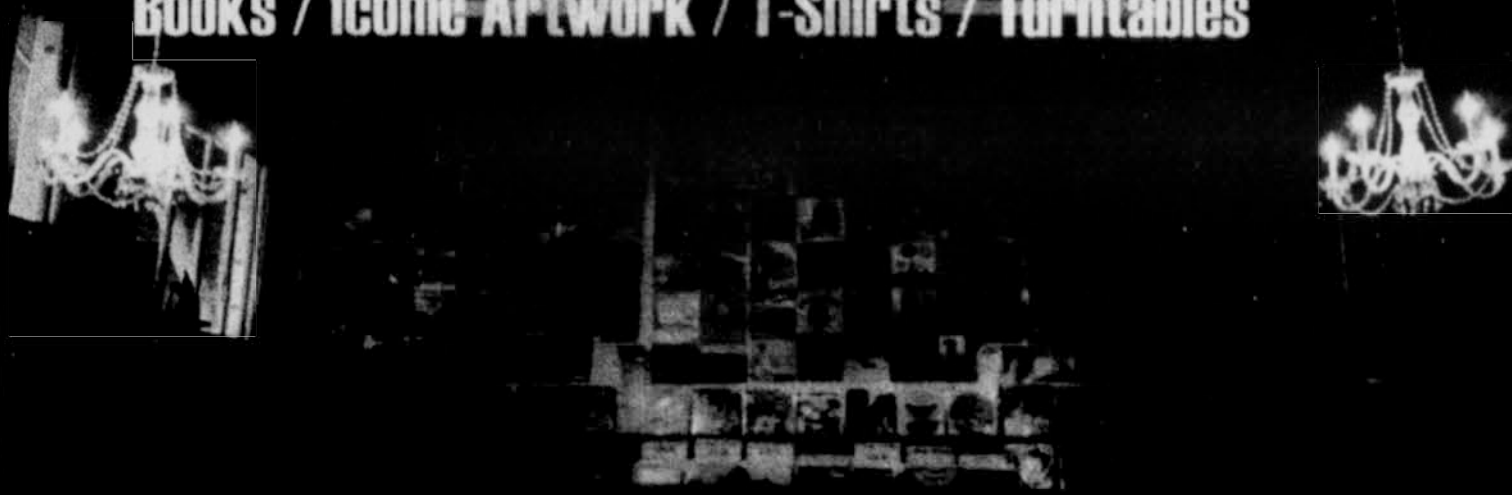
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### Laughter

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to laughter yoga, Sauer said the  
laughter created from laughter yoga  
is natural and pure.

Banner starts the Thursday  
night event with a documentary  
entitled "Laughology," which fol-  
lows journalist Albert Nerenberg  
across the world as he finds out  
why people laugh and where they  
learn to laugh. He interviews peo-

ple who study laughter in different  
cultures.

"When you laugh, you change,  
and when you change, the whole  
world changes," Banner said, quot-  
ing Kataria.

Laughter yoga sessions are held  
downtown. A schedule of times  
and locations can be found at  
[http://www.hopedance.org/events/  
month.calendar/](http://www.hopedance.org/events/month.calendar/).

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\*May be referencing a campus map

Lanyard

Cal Poly gear

\*Usually a female

Camera glued to body

\*Thinks everything should be written using AP style

\*Awkwardly talking to people they don't know

\*Worried or stressed out look on face

\*Tries to get you to read the Mustang Daily

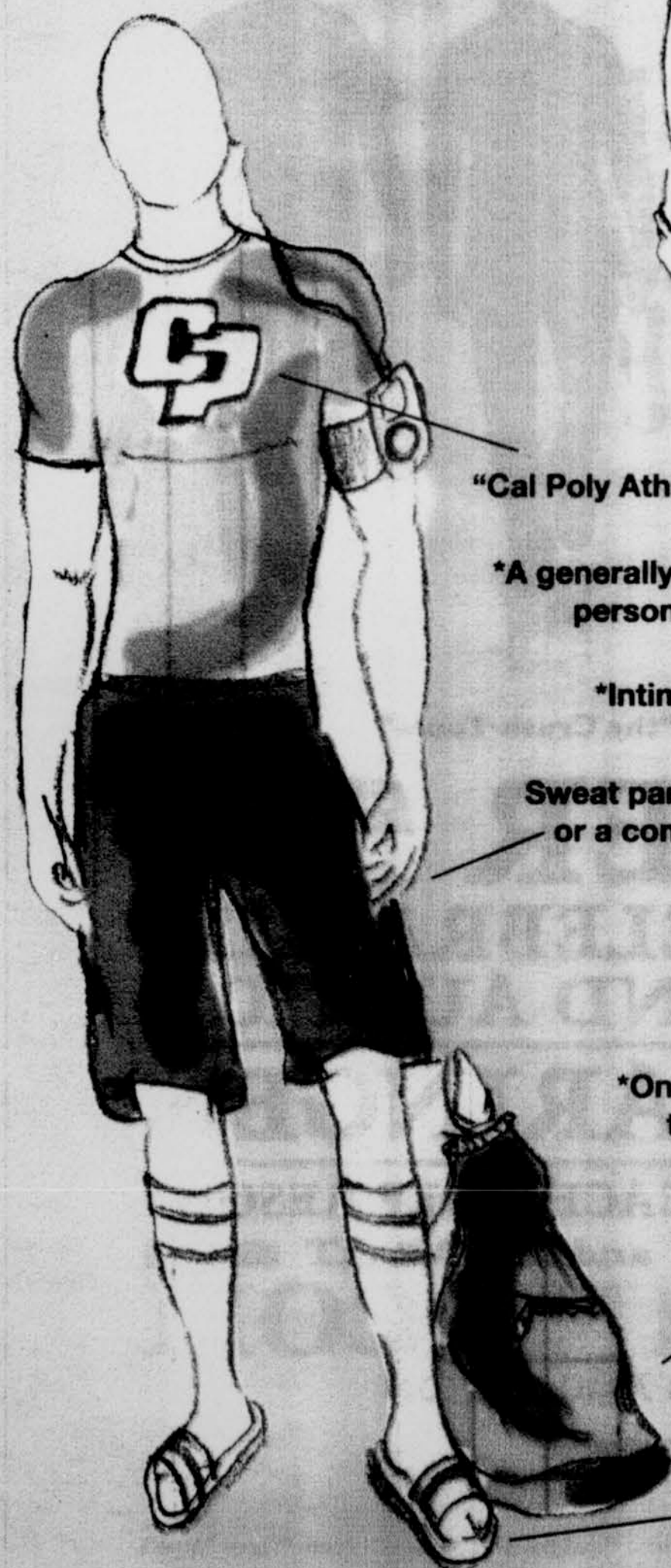
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\*Annoyingly corrects friends' mistakes

\*Knows the

\*Always waiting for a phone call

### MALE ATHLETE



"Cal Poly Athletics" shirt

\*A generally large person

\*Intimidatingly ripped

Sweat pants, basketball shorts, or a combination of the two

\*May be wearing a muscle shirt, on occasion

\*On campus before the sun rises

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Long socks combined with sandals

### ENGINEER

\*Seen wearing a "Cal Poly Nerds Rule" or "Do M.E." shirt

\*Walks at a fast pace

Various pens and pencils

\*Carries calculator, and many papers and books

Jeans

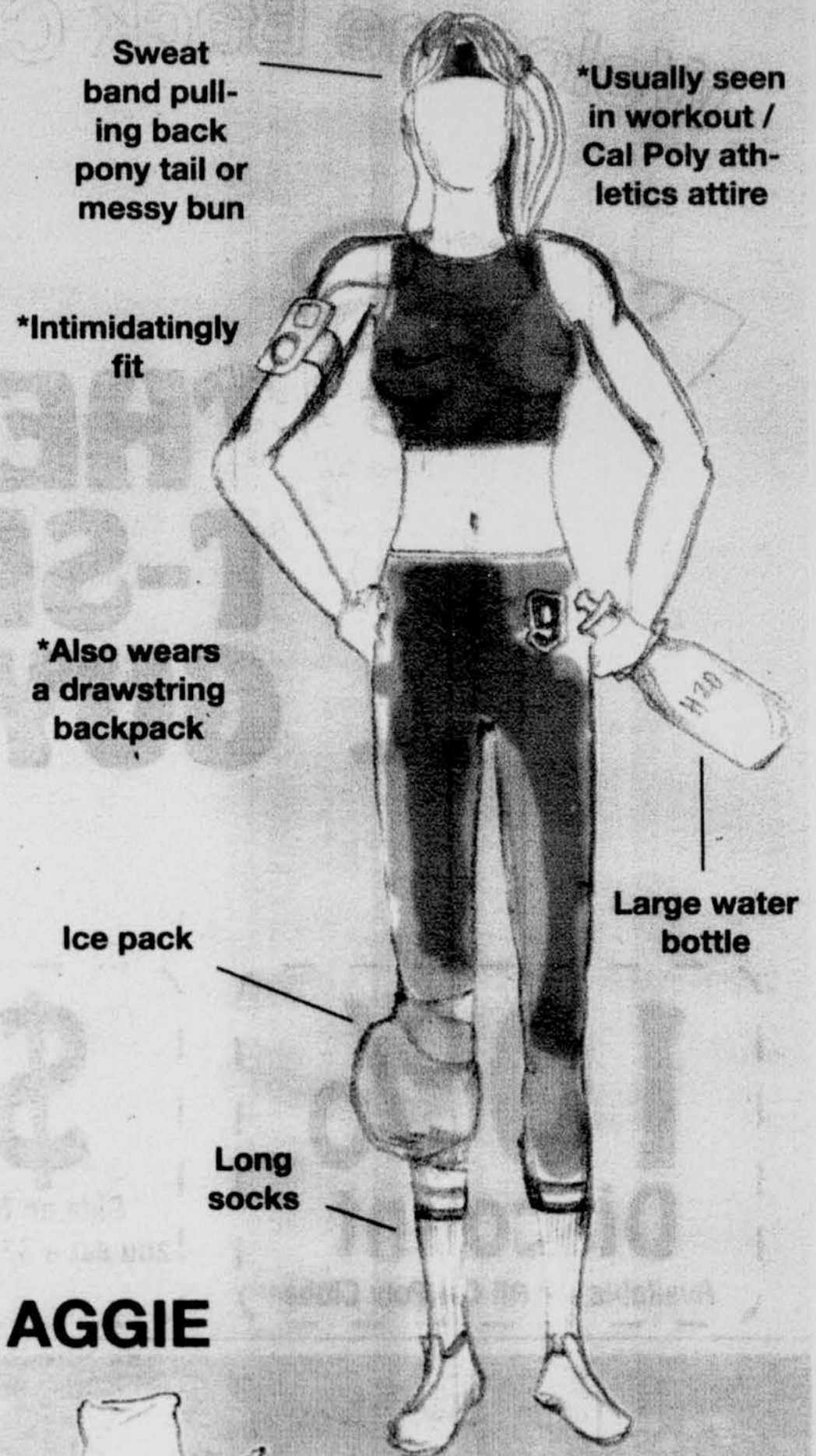
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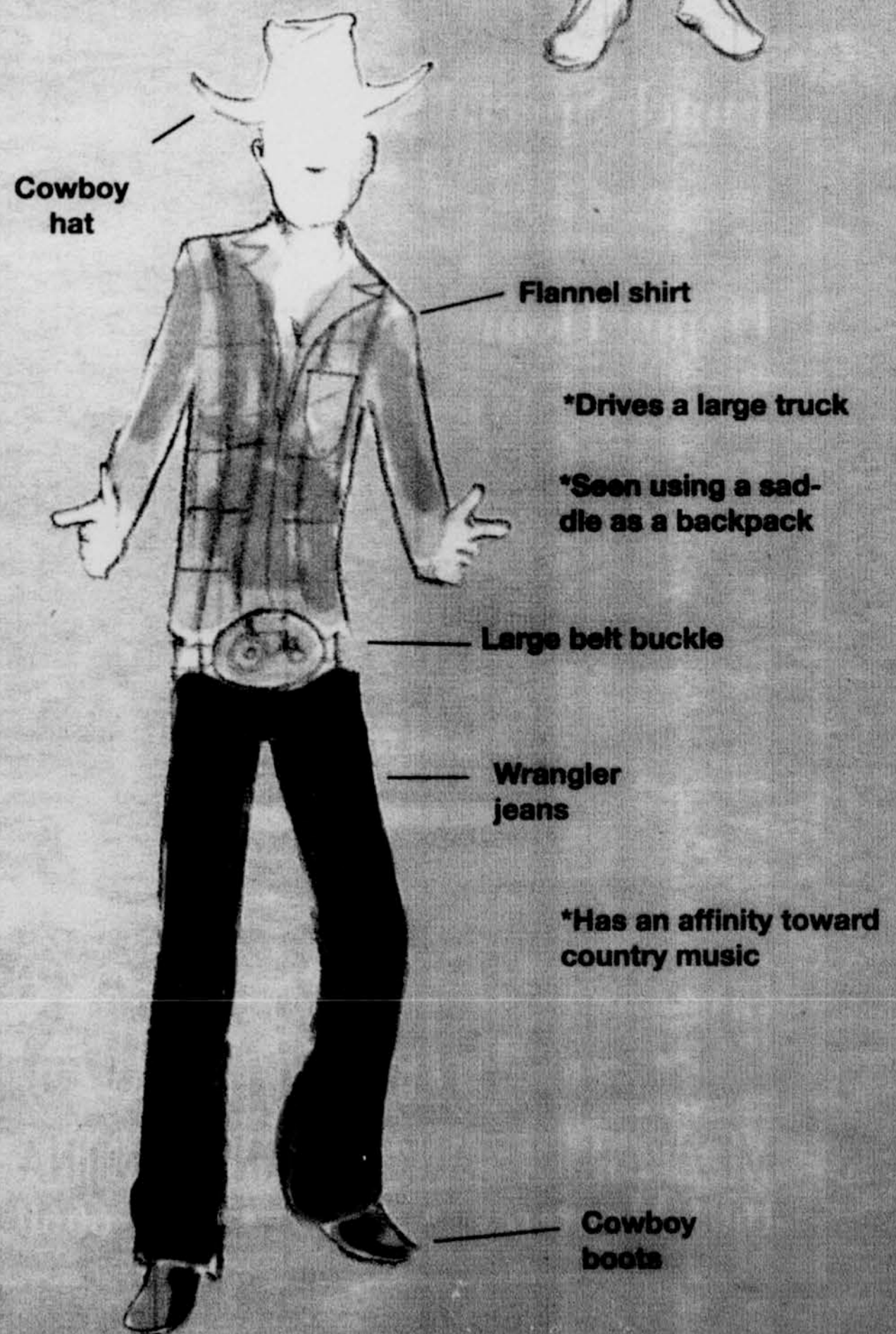
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## 10 films to look out for before the end of the year

Robert W. Butler

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It's fun to watch movies, of course. But increasingly I take just as much pleasure from anticipating movies.

I can spend weeks eagerly rolling the various elements around in my head — the subject matter, the source material, the names involved — envisioning what the actual experience will be like.

The downside, of course, is that more often than not the finished film never matches the excellence I imagined.

No matter. The whole process is part of the pleasure in being a movie fan.

The following films, all scheduled to open before the end of the year, have just one thing in common: They make my pulse race. They sound like fun (fun being anything from pure escapism to deep philosophical inquiry).

I'll apologize in advance for not including on this list obvious audience pleasers like "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows — Part 1," "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps," "Paranormal Activity 2," "Red," "Megamind," "Tron: Legacy" and, of course, "Little Fockers."

Some might be really good. It's just that at this point I can take 'em or leave 'em. The following, on the other hand, are the 10 movies I'm really looking forward to. (Opening dates are subject to change.)

### "Machete"

We were introduced to the South-of-the-Border assassin Machete (played by the muscled, long-haired, pock-marked Danny Trejo) in a faux trailer that was part of "Grindhouse" in 2007.

It was love at first sight.

Hired for a hit, Machete (he wears a trench coat lined with just about every sort of bladed weapon imaginable) ends up the victim of a double cross and goes looking for revenge.

"They (bleeped) with the wrong Mexican," the trailer ominously proclaimed.

If writer/director Robert Rodriguez is on his game, "Machete"

should be a blood-spattered spoof of '70s exploitation movies peppered with political satire (subsequent trailers have referenced Arizona's contested illegal alien law) and famous faces (Robert De Niro, Steven Seagal, Michelle Rodriguez, Don Johnson, Lindsay Lohan).

It'll be trash, sure, but with luck it'll be great trash.

Opened Friday, Sept. 3.

### "The Town"

Ben Affleck's directing debut with "Gone Baby Gone" was solid enough to get my juices flowing for his sophomore effort, also set in his hometown of Boston.

Affleck plays a member of a bank-robbing gang who takes a romantic interest in a bank teller (Rebecca Hall) who was their victim and may be able to finger the hoodlums to a nosy fed ("Mad Men's" Jon Hamm).

The cast reportedly is full of real-life Boston ex-cons. Also look for "The Hurt Locker's" Jeremy Renner.

Mostly, though, I'm interested in seeing if Affleck can deliver a crime drama with subtext.

Opens Sept. 17.

### "Let Me In"

Pooh-poohing American remakes of great foreign films is practically obligatory (I've already got the heebie-jeebies about the U.S. remake of the Swedish "Girl With the Dragon Tattoo").

Yet I'm cautiously buzzed about seeing how the Swedish vampire film "Let the Right One In" makes the transformation to high-altitude New Mexico in winter (a nice alternative to snowbound Scandinavia). The plot: A withdrawn, antisocial middle-school boy befriends the new kid next door — a girl who comes out only at night.

The Swedish original was so good that almost nobody believes this one could match it. Yet the casting is just about impeccable. As the boy we have Kodi Smit-McPhee, so terrific as Viggo Mortensen's son

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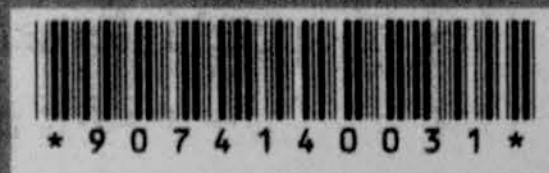
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### Movies

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in the end-of-the-world downer "The Road." Our little vampiress is Chloe Grace Moretz, the potty-mouthed, pint-sized vigilante from "Kick-Ass."

Bonus points: the great Richard Jenkins ("The Visitor," "Eat Pray Love") as the girl's "father."

Directed by "Cloverfield's" Matt Reeves.

Opens Oct. 1.

### "Buried"

It's not so much high concept as subterranean concept: A civilian truck driver in Iraq (Ryan Reynolds) is captured by insurgents and finds himself buried alive.

Rodrigo Cortes' film is set entirely in a wooden box as the panicked captive uses his cell phone to effect a rescue before the air runs out.

It may sound too claustrophobic and limited to be particularly enjoyable, yet audiences at Sundance last January went ape for this intense little thriller.

Goes into wide release Oct. 8.

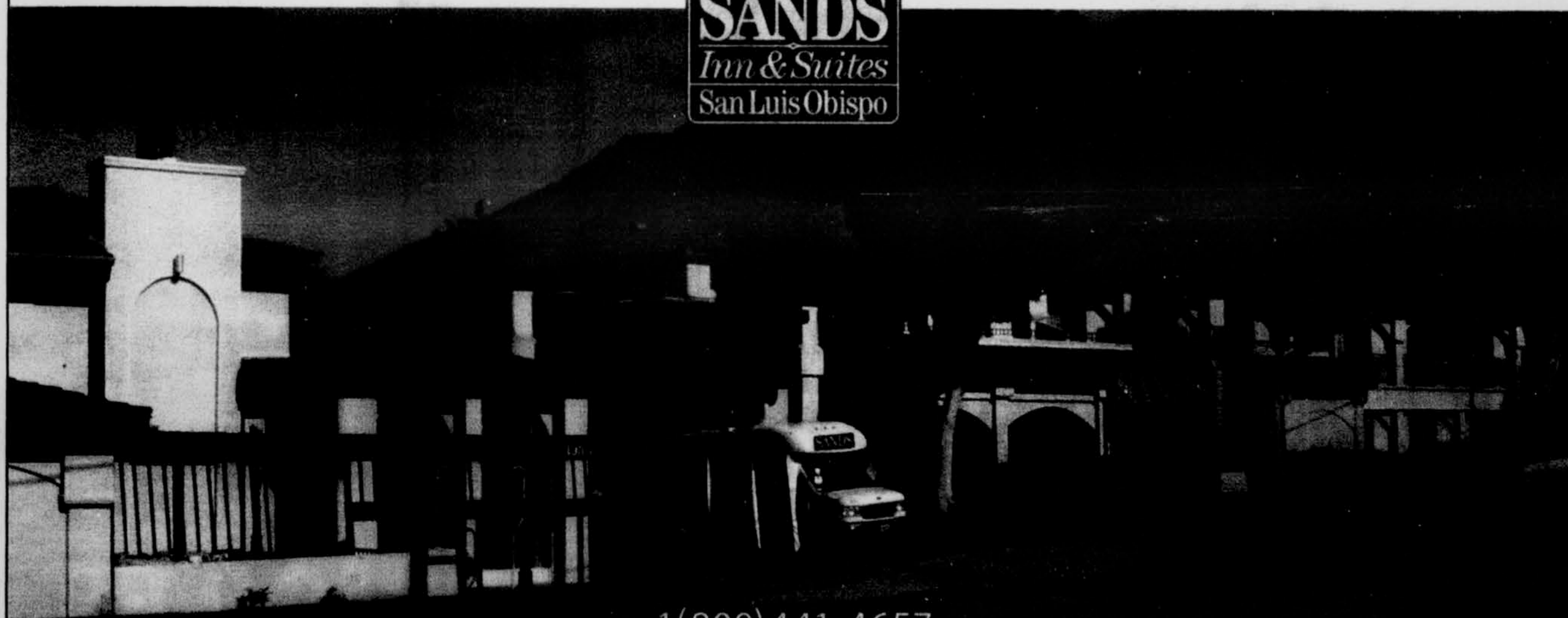
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COURTESY PHOTO

Helen Mirren plays the wizard Prospero in "The Tempest." The film, which opens in limited locations Dec. 10, was directed visually by Julie Taymor who was behind Broadway's "The Lion King" and the Frida Kahlo biopic "Frida."

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### "Hereafter"

"Mystic River." "Million Dollar Baby." "Flags of Our Fathers." "Letters From Iwo Jima." "Changeling." "Gran Torino." "Invictus."

Over the last decade Clint Eastwood has had a record of artistic and commercial hits unmatched by any other director. So you've got to get pumped about this one.

He explores tragedy and mortality in three entwined plots: A San Francisco psychic (Matt Damon) finds that his ability to talk to the dead is ruining all his relationships. A French TV newswoman (Cecile de France) is changed after she almost dies in the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. English siblings (newcomers Frankie and George McLaren) see their world shaken by the 2005 London subway bombings.

The original screenplay is by Peter Morgan, who earned his stripes with "The Queen" and "Frost/Nixon."

What's not to like?  
Opens Oct. 22.

### "Burlesque"

I can't tell if this one is going to be "Chicago" or "Coyote Ugly"/"Showgirls."

Nevertheless, the concept for this musical got my attention: Cher plays the proprietor of an L.A. club specializing in the "new burlesque." She's the tough mother hen to a flock of young women performers whose lives collide with varying degrees of untidiness.

The supporting cast has possibilities — Kristen Bell, Stanley Tucci, Eric Dane, Alan Cumming, Peter Gallagher and pop superstar Christina Aguilera in her big-screen acting debut.

The wild card here is director Steven Antin, a former actor with little track record behind the camera. Still, the voyeur in me wants to see this one.

Opens Nov. 24.

### "The Tempest"

Visionary director Julie Taymor

(Broadway's "The Lion King," the Frida Kahlo biopic "Frida" and the Beatles fantasia "Across the Universe") gives us Shakespeare's great magical romance with a few new twists.

For example, the wizard Prospero is now a woman (Helen Mirren). And there aren't any slouches among the rest of the cast: Alfred Molina, Chris Cooper, David Strathairn, Russell Brand, Djimon Hounsou, Alan Cumming.

And, of course, there's Taymor's astounding visual imagination, which should make this "Tempest" as easy on the eye as on the ear.

Opens in limited release Dec. 10.

### "How Do You Know"

James L. Brooks can be great ("Terms of Endearment," "Broadcast News," "As Good as It Gets") or gosh-awful ("I'll Do Anything," "Spanglish"). I'm betting we'll see the former when this romantic comedy opens for the Christmas crunch.

The premise: A guy and a girl meet for a blind date on the worst day of their lives.

Paul Rudd is a businessman about to be indicted for his creative finances; Reese Witherspoon is a professional athlete just cut by her softball team.

Jack Nicholson plays his father; Owen Wilson is her fiancé.

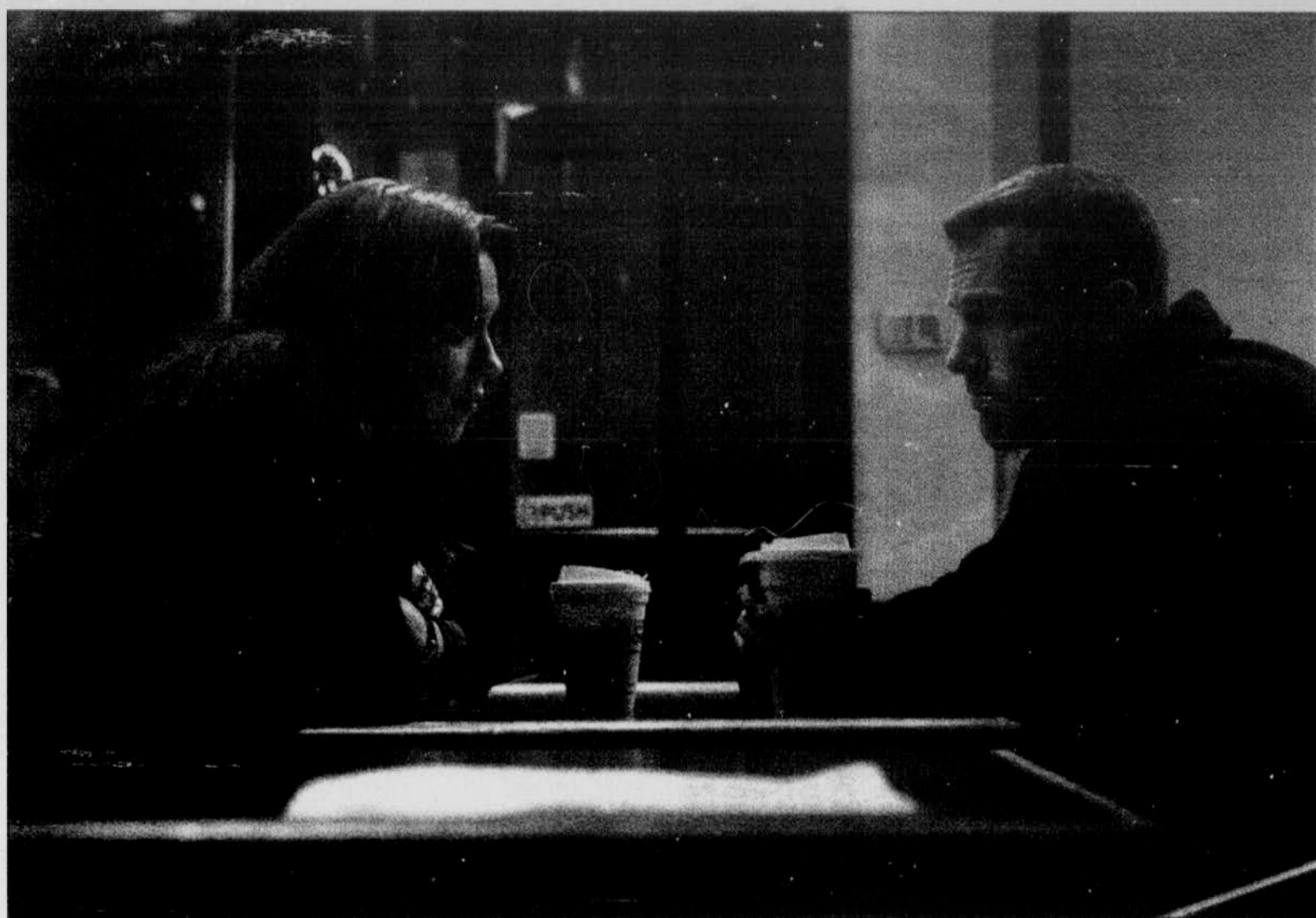
Opens Dec. 17.

### "True Grit"

Based on the same book that gave John Wayne his only Oscar-winning role, this Western stars Jeff Bridges (himself a recent Academy Award winner for "Crazy Heart") as crusty one-eyed lawman Rooster Cogburn. He's hired by a 14-year-old girl (Hailee Steinfeld) to track down the drifter/murderer who killed her father and stole his money.

Normally I'd approach this project with caution ... except that it has been written and directed by Joel and Ethan Coen. Meaning: It will undoubtedly have very little in common with the original 1969 film.

Another reason for hope: Matt



Rebecca Hall and Ben Affleck star in Warner Bros. Pictures' and Legendary Pictures' crime drama, "The Town."

Damon as a Texas Ranger, who tags along on the journey (a role originally played — and not well — by singer Glen Campbell).  
Opens Dec. 25.

### "Blue Valentine"

Its credentials may be low-budget indie, but its scope is hugely ambitious.

Derek Cianfrance's film, a buzz-creator at Sundance, follows the ups and downs of a love affair over six years.

Our couple are independent icons Ryan Gosling ("Lars and the Real Girl," "Half Nelson") and Michelle Williams ("Brokeback Mountain," "Wendy and Lucy").

I'm hoping for something with the emotional clout of Richard Linklater's superb one-two whammy, "Before Sunrise" and "Before Sunset."

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**Turn on your television:  
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Don't look now, but nearly 30 new shows are about to invade your television sets. Yes, it's that time of year again. The fall deluge is upon us.

But I realize that you only have two eyeballs — and not nearly enough time. So, as a personal service, I've prescreened the fall offerings and whittled them down to the five shows that appear to be the cream of the crop. You can thank me later.

Keep in mind that, in most cases, I have seen only the pilot episodes, and an extraordinary pilot does not always develop into an extraordinary series (See: "FlashForward").

But, for now, I've bonded with this Top 5 and think you might, too.

**1. "Lone Star" (Fox):**

A con artist as leading man? It's a risky deal — especially for network TV — but one that this provocative soap pulls off, thanks to the panache of newcomer James Wolk.

Wolk plays a brilliant schemer who is running a complex sting while leading two lives in different parts of Texas. On one front, he has married Cat (Adrienne Palicki) in order to infiltrate the oil company led by her father (Jon Voight). On another, he has taken up with a suburban woman (Eloise Mumford) as he bilks her neighbors via an investment scam.

Trouble is, he loves both women and desperately wants to find a way to go straight without divulging his secrets.

"Lone Star" is handsomely crafted and brimming with suspense. But it wouldn't matter if Wolk were not believable — and likable — in the role. Fortunately, he has charm aplenty and, like a great con man, he takes us for a ride.

**2. "Boardwalk Empire" (HBO):**

You'd think Martin Scorsese would have had his fill of gangsters by now. But the love affair continues with this Prohibition-era drama about Enoch "Nucky" Thompson (Steve Buscemi), a corrupt politician whose dealings in illegal booze enable him to hold sway over Atlantic City.

Scorsese directed the pilot episode, which features depictions of real-life criminals, including "Lucky" Luciano and Al Capone. Bringing additional mob cred to the project is creator Terrence Winter, a standout writer for "The Sopranos."

"Boardwalk Empire" might not ever match the legacy of that iconic hit, but it appears to be a worthy successor, with stellar acting, a "Mad Men"-like attention to period detail and rich production values that, at times, give the show the feel of a lush painting.

Just when we thought we were out ... they pull us back in.

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"Did you hear Miley and Liam broke up?"

"We're dropping early for Justin Bieber?"

"I just woke up and was like, 'Fuck.'"

"Kelly, you want to open it up and put it in?"

"What's he in?"  
"Bro City."

"I don't know what it is, but I just do it with my hands."

"I judge you, Kelly Cooper."

"Back to work, you!"

"This is fail."

"It's mostly virgins that are obsessed with virgins."

"I like it when good-looking people are in our paper."

"When I hook up with boys, God smiles."

"De Los Santos is getting his groove back."

"I hate Googling my name because strippers always come up."

"B. Love plays the field."

## Shows

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### 3. "The Event" (NBC):

Now that "Lost" is off the air, how do viewers appease their lust for mind-melting mysteries and sci-fi thrills? We cautiously suggest this turbo-charged conspiracy saga.

We say cautiously because, in recent years, too many high-concept genre shows have sucked us in, only to go "splat" under the weight of their ambition. So if you're hesitant to jump on board, we get it.

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Maggie Q performs a scene in "Nikita." The action-packed drama premiered on The CW on Sept. 9.

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## ndie band She & Him: bigger focus on him

avin C. Johnson  
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ere was a time early in the career of ky-pop group She & Him when all yone wanted to talk about was the olvement of front woman Zooey schanel.

Initially, she was yet another movie r who dared to step out and be in a nd.

"When we were doing press a few ars ago," says guitarist-producer M. ard, "about half the questions were out how bad Bruce Willis' records re and stuff like that."

Ward says Deschanel's transition to asic is not the focus anymore.

"I think people are forgetting about at, and that's good," he says. "There's od and bad examples of all kinds of usic. And I think Zooey is definitely inspiration for a lot of people who ay be trapped into doing one thing in e creative arts."

She & Him have no credibility issues ese days after delivering its sophomore ort, "Volume Two," which picks up ere 2008's "Volume One" left off.

Together, Ward and Deschanel have ated a sun-splashed brand of '60s-vored pop that's as fresh as it is famil- in its coffeehouse appeal. "Volume vo" includes 11 originals and two vers — NRBQ's "Ridin' in My Car" d Skeeter Davis' "Gonna Get Along ithout You Now."

Of their feel-good music, Ward says ome people have called it 'arena folk,' ich we like. It's a little tongue-in-eeck, but it's OK."

Some have compared it with the legendary the Mamas & the Papas. The comparison seems fair, though Ward isn't so quick to embrace it.

"I'm not their No. 1 fan, but they have good songs," he says. "But I don't know a lot of their stuff, to be honest."

Ward does concede their influences run old. His favorite producers are heavy-hitting legends such as George Martin, Quincy Jones and Phil Spector.

And when it comes to guitarists, the first name he mentions is Chuck Berry.

"I can't say enough about Chuck Berry — the voice, the lyrics, the guitar playing, the looseness," Ward says. "He's genius. When I first started playing guitar, I was learning Beatles songs like 'Roll Over Beethoven' and 'Rock and Roll Music.' Chuck Berry songs the Beatles covered. I've been digging deeper in his catalog ever since."

Deschanel, meanwhile, was making a name for herself in Hollywood in the movies "Elf," "Yes Man," "Failure to Launch," "The Happening" and "(500) Days of Summer."

"Somehow, it seems to work — it clicks," he says of the pairing. "It's hard to put my finger on exactly why."

"My job is to produce, to follow the song or the demo where it wants to go. Zooey writes the songs for the project, and I treat her demos the same way I treat mine. I listen to them over and over and try to discover their character and use my imagination to fill in the blanks, think about what might have inspired the songs."

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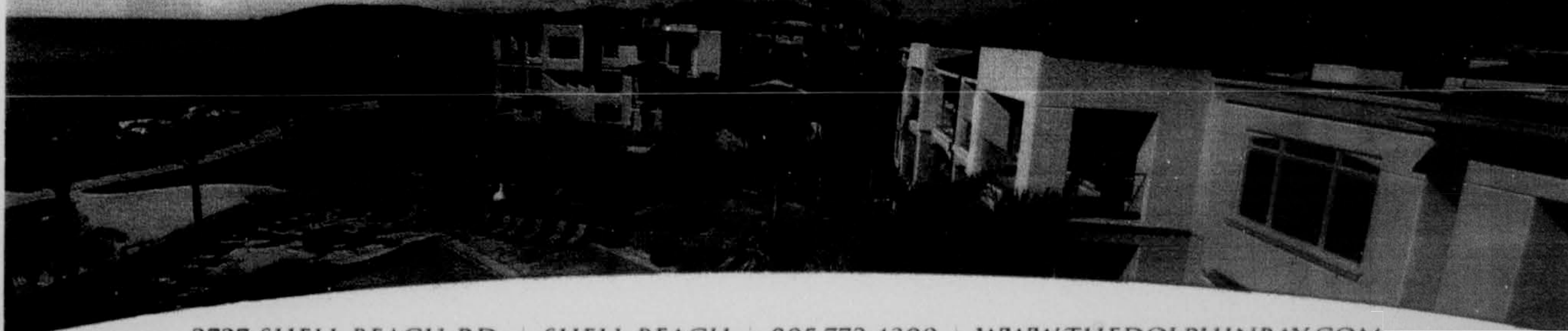
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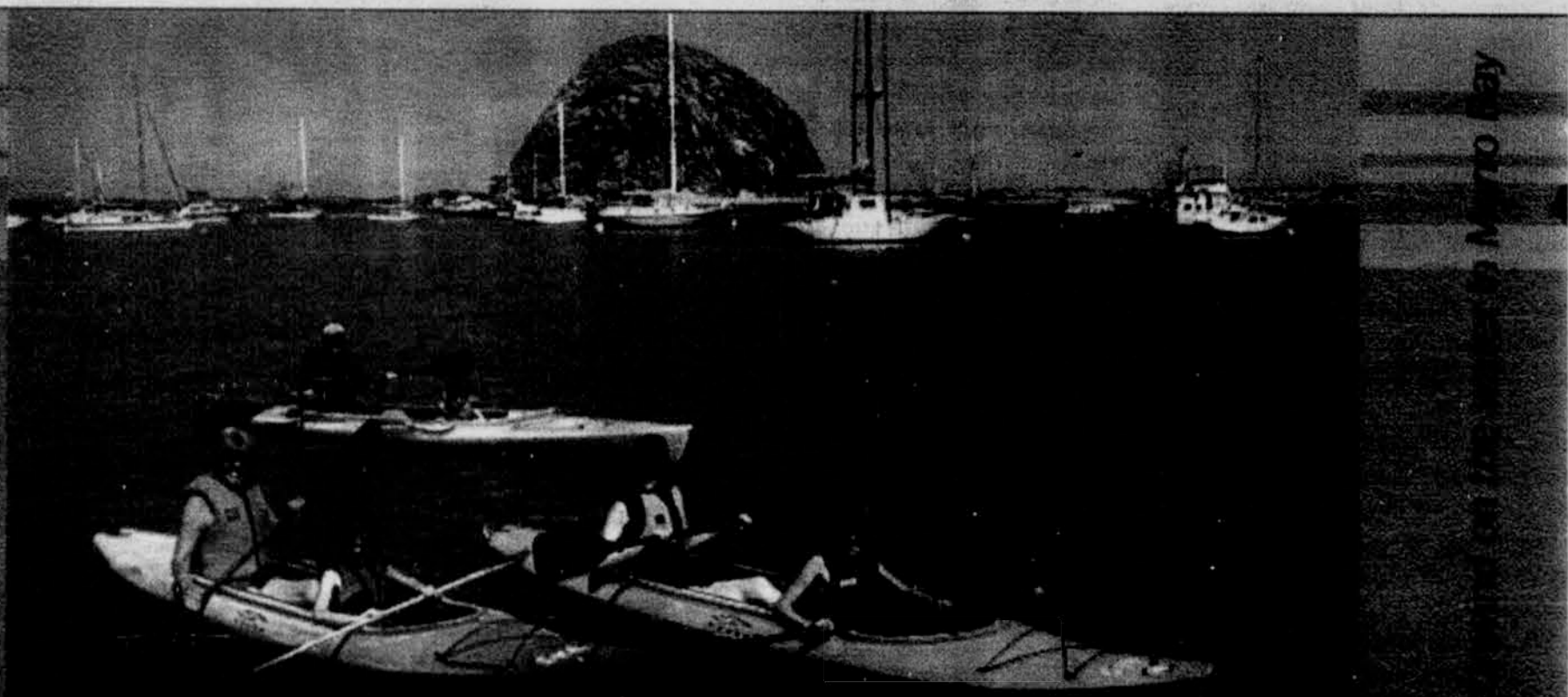


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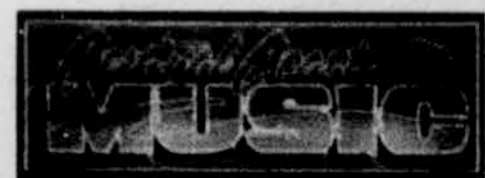
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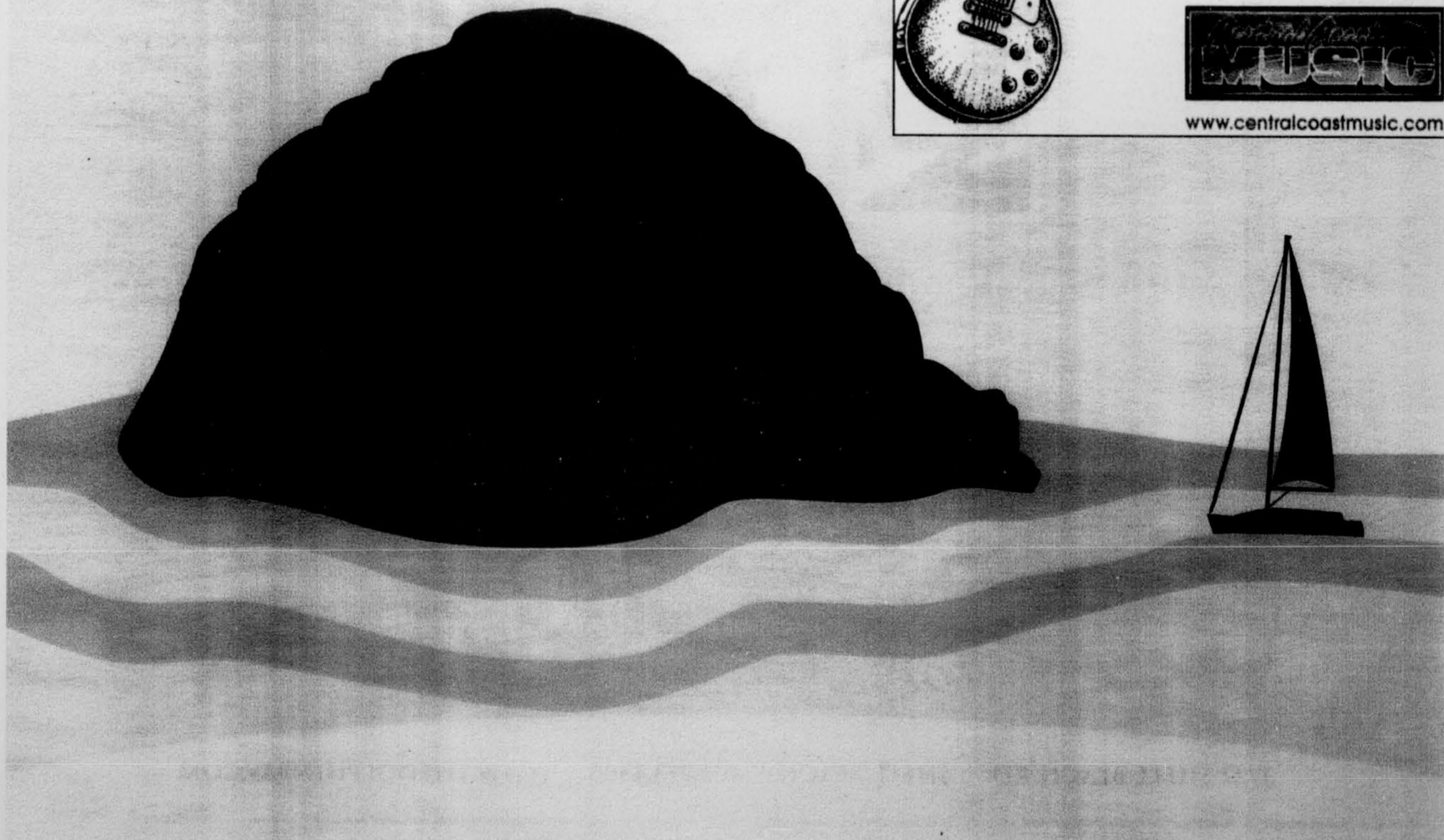
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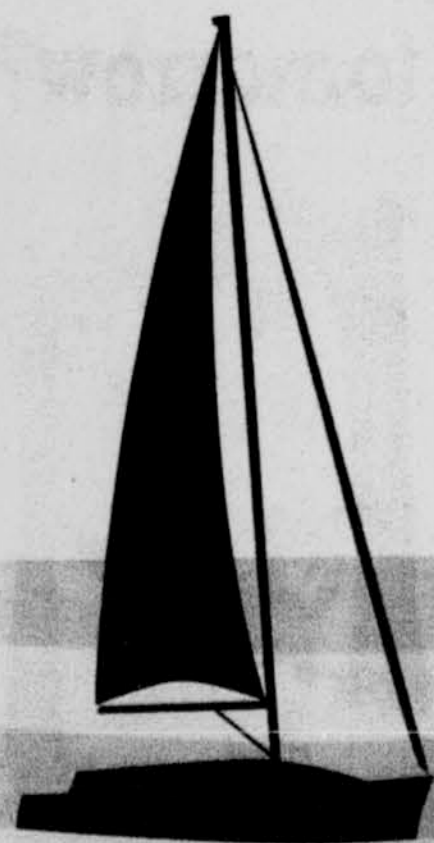
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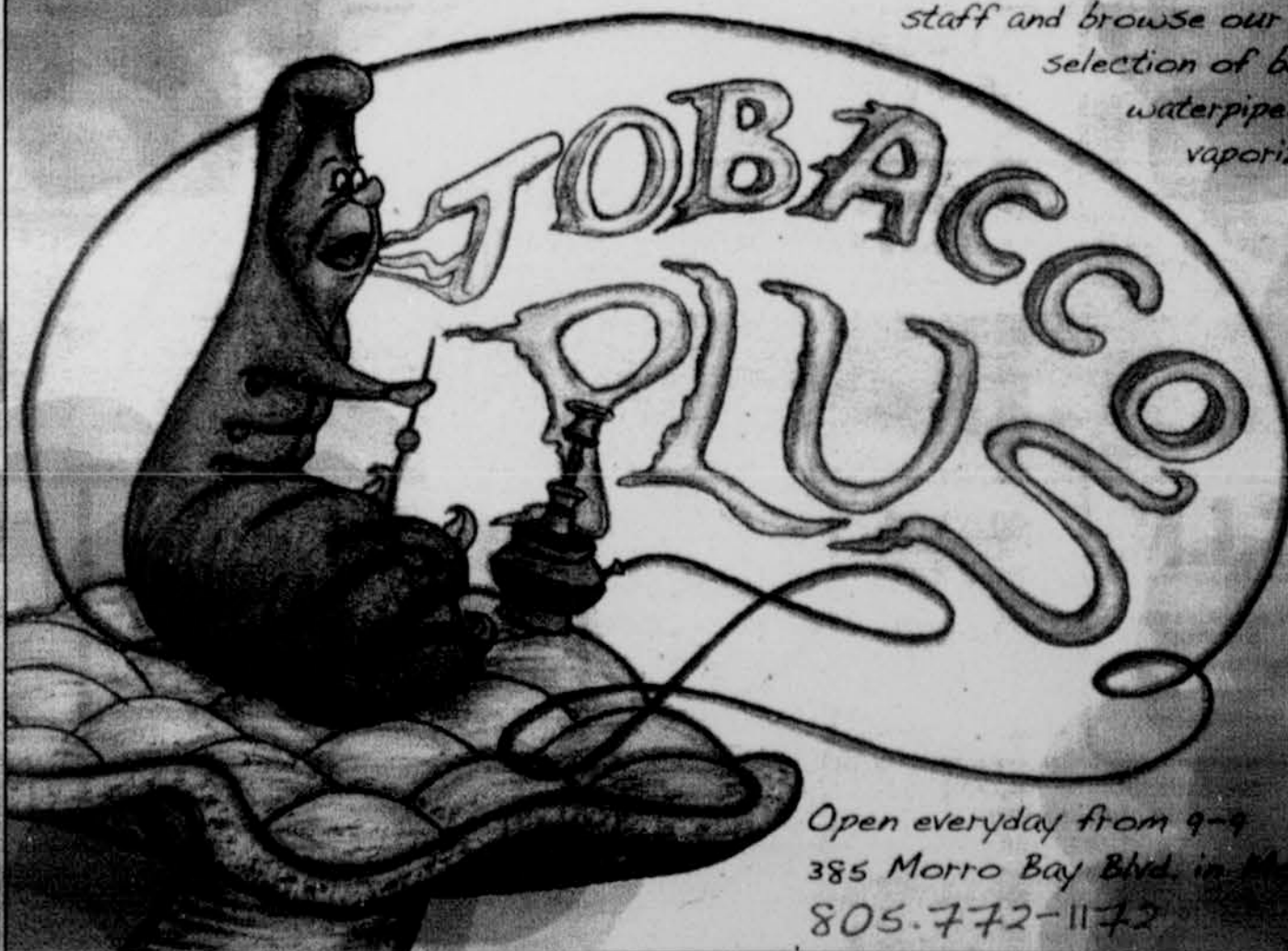
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# New school, new hardware, new ink — tattoo and piercing parlors of the San Luis Obispo area

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College presents many opportunities to try things for the first time, such as living without the watchful eye of parents or doing a keg stand. Some students, however, choose to mark their freedom with a new piercing or tattoo. If you're considering getting some diamond studs to impress your buddies or perhaps want to permanently engrave the name of your significant other on your wrist, these local parlors can get the job done.

## Traditional Tattoo

Taking its name to heart, this local parlor began a tradition of its own six years ago — to gain attention from the college crowd. The Week of Welcome (WOW) special — featuring \$20 piercings — draws in dozens

of students looking for new hardware. Tattooer and manager, Louie Campopiano, said that it was a way for the then-small business to create some buzz in the community.

"We came up with this as an idea to totally get people's attention," Campopiano said. "We decided to do something that you couldn't ignore — and \$20 piercings really got everyone excited."

Campopiano said that WOW is an exciting and busy time for the company, which now has three locations: two in San Luis Obispo and one in Pismo Beach.

"You get an influx of a whole lot of people who are off to college and by themselves for the first time," he said. "The energy that you get from all these new people coming into town — it's pretty fun. It's just a fun week to do things."

The Foothill Boulevard location, tucked between Domino's Pizza and

Pita Pit, is clean and relaxed with green- and purple walls lined with artists' work. Front desk attendant, Blake Strait, said that he likes the cleanliness of the parlor as well as the friendly tattoo artists.

"Down south, there's a lot of tattoo shops you don't want to go into because of bicycle gangs or super sketchy people; you're wondering if everything is clean. In here, it's more just quirky people who like to have a good time and take their jobs seriously," Strait said.

Store hours at all three locations are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

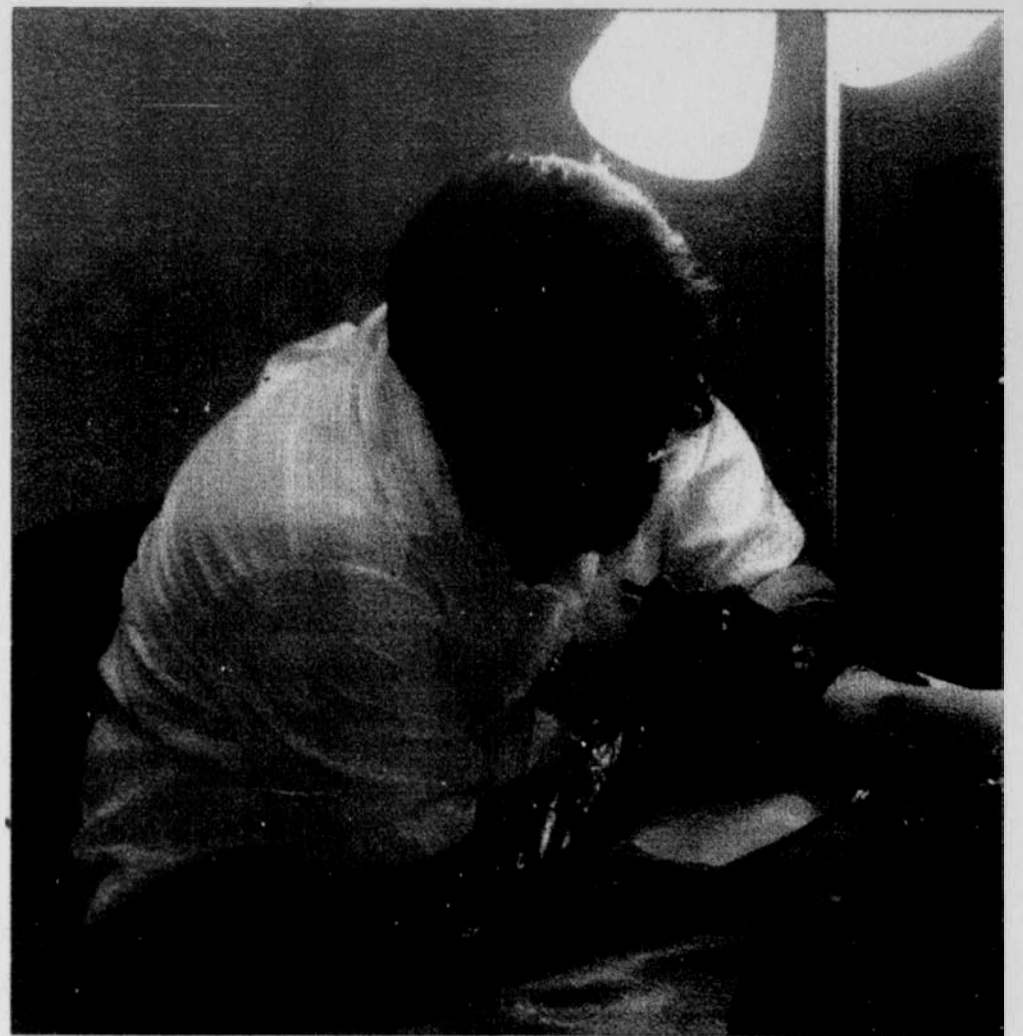
## Central Coast Tattoo

One of the area's oldest tattoo and piercing parlors can be found up Highway 1 in the beach town of Morro Bay. Central Coast Tattoo has been in business for 17 years and covers everything from bellybutton piercings to gut-wrenching, bloody artwork. Owner and Master Artist Chrys Young recalls one gruesome tattoo that frightened a passerby.

"One guy, he came in, he just graduated, and he wanted his Greek letters tattooed on his chest and he wanted them to look like he had carved them in with a knife in the mirror — so the dripping blood, the open skin, and everything," Young said. "I did that for him and he walked out and some lady almost passed out — she thought it was real."

Despite the gory tattoo requests, the quaint shop is small yet comfortable, and, contrary to the typical male-dominated tattoo industry, employs four females.

Central Coast Tattoo also draws its uniqueness from being the headquarters of Blood Borne Pathogen Prevention Training Institute



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Traditional Tattoo manager and tattooer Louie Campopiano touches up a customer's artwork. Traditional Tattoo, which has three locations — two in San Luis Obispo and one in Pismo Beach — is the only tattoo company in SLO.

of America, of which Young is the founder. The institute focuses on body art safety, and will soon be incorporated into state law next year.

"We teach body art safety nationwide and worldwide; it's a safety issue," Young said. "It's nice because we're a tiny little shop, but we have worldwide recognition."

For being 10 minutes down the road from Cal Poly, the parlor still gets its fix of college students. Young said the most popular requests are kanji characters (modern Japanese writing of Chinese characters), hibiscus flowers and ocean-themed designs. Sometimes, she said, students who come in with a friend end up getting inked themselves.

"I've had groups of them all come in — all the guys at once and all girls at once," Young said. "If it comes in and gets a tattoo and bring an entourage of four, by the time they're done, they all get them done. It's a bonding experience for a lot of people."

Store hours for the shop are a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Sundays and Mondays are appointment only.

## Mothership Tattoo

One of the three Pismo Beach parlors, the 14-year-old Mothership

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## Tattoo

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Tattoo resembles a carnival funhouse. The shop features an abundance of body artwork lining the bright blue walls and a colorful "Enter" and "Exit" gate separating the lobby from the parlor. Packed with little knick-knacks and bumper stickers, this unique shop offers both tattoos and piercings.

Piercer Clay Allen, who has been in the industry for seven years, said he enjoys the professional atmosphere of Mothership.

"For an atmosphere that can be a

really relaxed one, it's nice to see people who are still professional," Allen said. "I've worked in a lot of different shops in this county, and this is one of the shops I feel most comfortable at."

Allen said that the shop doesn't see a large college population, but it does get the occasional Cuesta or Cal Poly student for piercings.

"Last week I had a group that came in from Cuesta, and all came in and got their septums done for the bulldog look," Allen said. "That was fun."

Despite the small amount of Cal Poly customers, Allen does recall one anecdote from a college student in

Colorado.

"This guy got the world's smallest tattoo on his wrist, he stands up and is talking to the tattooer and going over the price and he's drinking water, and he just stops for a minute, and passes out - falls right back into

the chair," Allen said. "Doesn't spill a drip of his water and then he pisses himself. A few minutes later he's like, 'What happened, why am I wet?' And we said, 'Don't get up just yet, don't worry about it... No judgment whatsoever...' It was more embar-

assing for him."

Mothership opens everyday at 12 p.m. until 5 or 6 p.m. and is located at 751 Dolliver St.

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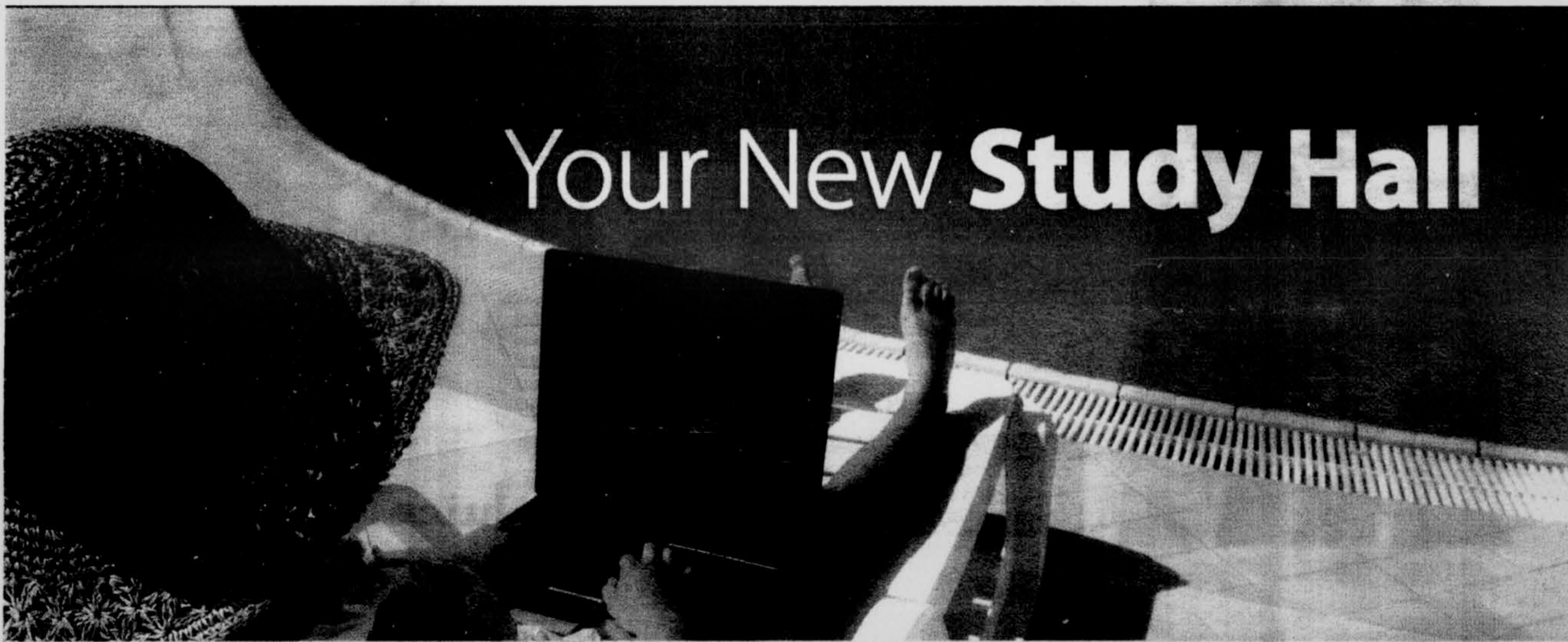
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# Beaches of the Central Coast

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The Central Coast is home to some of the most geographically diverse and popular beaches in California, and many of these beaches are only a short drive from the Cal Poly campus. Take a drive down the 101 South and you'll find gateways to Montaña De Oro State Park, Avila Beach, Shell Beach, Pismo State Beach and more.

## Montaña De Oro State Park (right)

The name is Spanish and means "Mountain of Gold" because, come spring time, it is blooming with yellow wildflowers. The 8,000-acre Montaña De Oro State Park offers a peaceful retreat for outdoor enthusiasts. The park has a wide geographic variety — from a eucalyptus grove to massive sand dunes to cliffs overhanging the ocean to large hills.

Wildlife is more prominent at Montaña De Oro than most other beaches because of the variety of ecology. Some wildlife that calls Montaña De Oro home are sea otters, sea lions, rattlesnakes and deer. Compared to other beach communities, the state park remains less disturbed by humans and is known as the locals' secret where they can mountain bike, hike or camp.

Local Martin Sears said he enjoys the varied terrain for his sport.

"At Montaña De Oro, if I want to go in a forest, I can ride in a forest," Sears said. "If I want to be close to the ocean, that's possible too."

On its hiking and biking trails, Montaña De Oro offers views of Morro Bay, including the bay itself and Morro Rock. Some trails take the hiker through the forested areas while others lead to the sea caves and coves of the rugged coastline.



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Montaña de Oro State Park has a few different beaches. Here, visitors walk along the foggy Spooner's Cove. Another spot in the park, Hazards, has several active tide pools. And, for experienced surfers or for those who wish to lay out in the sun, Sandspit will satisfy either request. Aside from beaches, Montaña de Oro also has several hiking trails.



Just south of the heart of San Luis Obispo, Avila Beach is a popular choice among college students. Golf courses, apple orchards, vineyards and hot springs can be seen on the drive to Avila. There are also spots to park to travel on the "Bob Jones Land-to-Sea" bike trail, a mountain biking trail that lives up to its name.

Since Avila Beach is located in the San Luis Bay, temperatures can be up to 10 to 12 degrees warmer than other surrounding beaches. As a result, the water tends to be warmer and water activities are more popular.

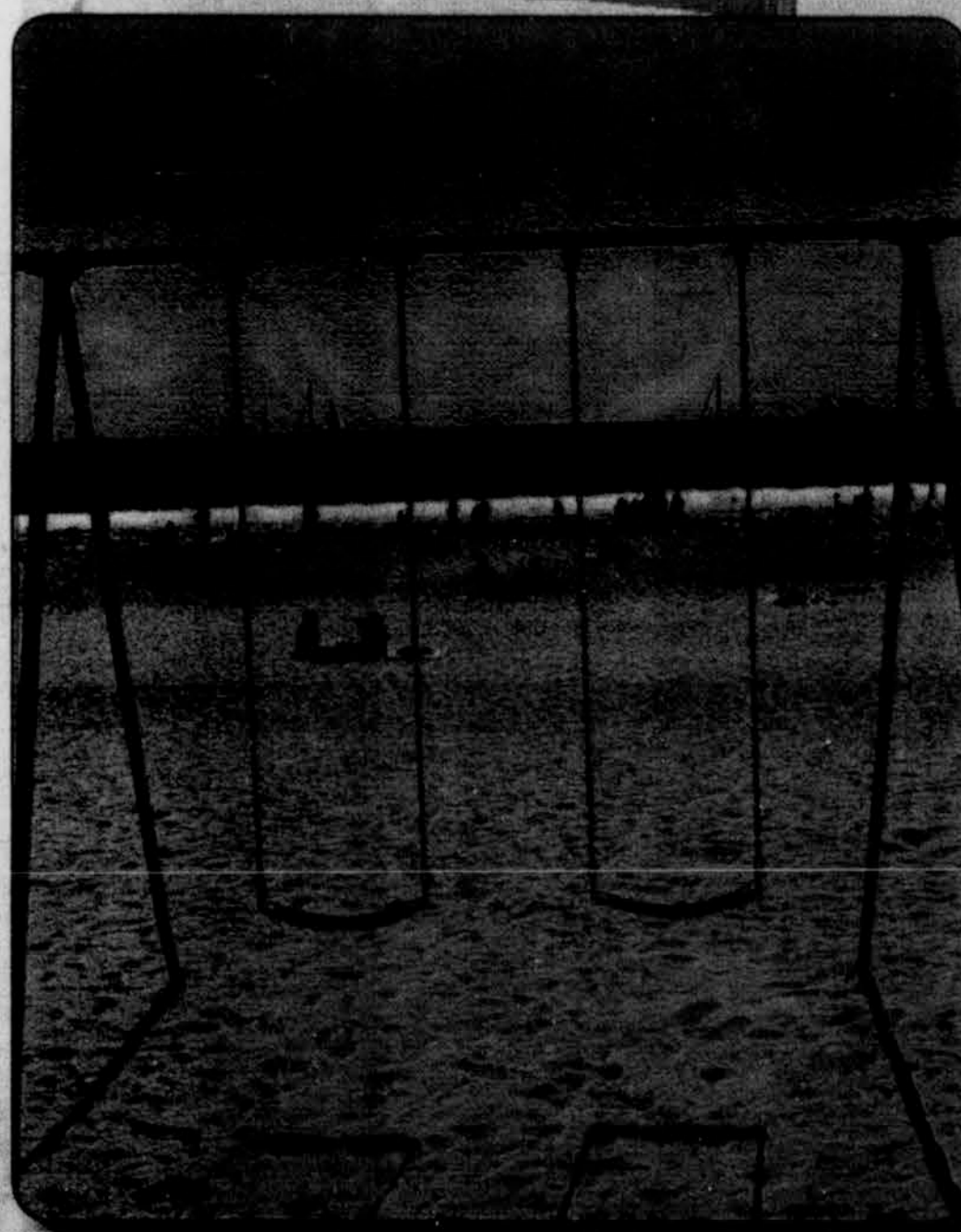
At Avila, a beachgoer may kayak, snorkel and swim. Fishing is also popular and there are several piers with accommodations available for the fishing enthusiast.

Port San Luis, just west of the main beach in Avila, is one of the only spots to offer free fire pits and barbecues at the end of the beach. The fire pits are first come, first serve, however, so it's important to get there early. Cal Poly students frequently take advantage of these fire pits for bonfires, especially during Cal Poly's Week of Welcome in late September.

There is a different atmosphere at Avila Beach during the evenings. Local James Sanders calls it a more "peaceful and quiet environment" than going downtown for drinks.

"I like to try to come out here every night in the summer because the beach has a different vibe at night," Sanders said.

Not only does Avila Beach offer a vast array of beach activities, but it also has beachfront dining and shopping. The restaurants along the beach feature Italian food, seafood, American food such as delis, and coffee shops.



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A swing set at the tourist favorite, Avila Beach.



## Shell Beach

A few minutes south of Avila Beach lays the small and picturesque community of Shell Beach. As a part of the city of Pismo Beach, Shell Beach offers perfect launching areas for kayakers, small coves, steep bluffs and trails that overlook the Pacific Ocean. A pedestrian may take a path through the seaside neighborhoods of Shell Beach or choose to climb the hills along the highway that lead to caves above the thrashing ocean. The public walking trail is accessible on the corner of Shell Beach Road and El Portal Drive.

Vacationer and part-time local Lauralae Larue said she finds time away from camping at Pismo State Beach to stroll along the bluffs of Shell Beach.

"It's so beautiful here and it's always clear. I've never seen bad weather here," Larue said. "The public walkway is easy for anyone to walk on it and see the amazing views."

Some of the gems in and around Shell Beach include recreational parks, the notorious Pirate's Cove and an arts and crafts fair called "Art in the Park." The city parks include spots for wildlife viewing, barbecue pits and playgrounds for the younger crowd. Some wildlife that may be seen from Shell Beach are birds, pelicans, butterflies, seals, sea otters and whales.

Nestled between Avila Beach and Pismo Beach is Pirate's Cove, a secluded, "clothing optional" beach. Aside from curious onlookers, Pirate's Cove is known for attracting respectful elders who keep to themselves.

The Art in the Park event runs the first Sunday of every month from May to October. The event hosts arts and crafts from more than 100 local artists and also features live entertainment and food.

Shell Beach is also a hot spot for the college crowd because it is less traveled by families and police. For this reason, on weekends and any time temperatures peak, college students can be seen car pooling down 101 South.



Aside from the bluffs along the coast, Cambria also has art galleries, shops, and restaurants that are not too far from the water.

## Cambria (above and right)

Cambria, known as the place where "the pines meet the sea," is just north of Cayucos on Highway 1. Divided into three areas, Cambria features East Village, West Village and Moonstone Beach Drive.

The East Village is home to Victorian-style buildings dating back to the 1870s that host a variety of art galleries, shops and places for dining. The West Village is closer to the ocean but shares the same layout as its eastern neighbor. There is a farmers' market every Friday at 2:30 p.m. that brings the East and West villages together on the shared Main Street.

Right by the ocean, Moonstone Beach Drive runs in a loop near Highway 1. Along Moonstone Beach Drive, there are day use parks and beaches with opportunities for water activities — such as surfing and skim boarding — bicycling, picnicking, barbecuing and collecting shells or semiprecious stones such as moonstone or jade. Fishing is allowed only at certain locations.

Vacationers in Cambria often make a day trip to famed newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst's castle located about 10 miles north of Cambria. Hearst Castle, now a California State Park, offers five different tours daily, each one focusing on a specific area of the castle. Tickets are sold on site at the visitor's center, but reservations are recommended.



Pismo State Beach is your typical beach town — seafood and surf shops line the streets, visitors and locals stroll the pier, and surfers catch waves until the sun goes down.

## Pismo State Beach (above)

Tommie O'Donoghue has lived in Pismo Beach since 2002. Before that, she lived in Austin, Texas for 17 years, but she said she ached to come back to the Central Coast.

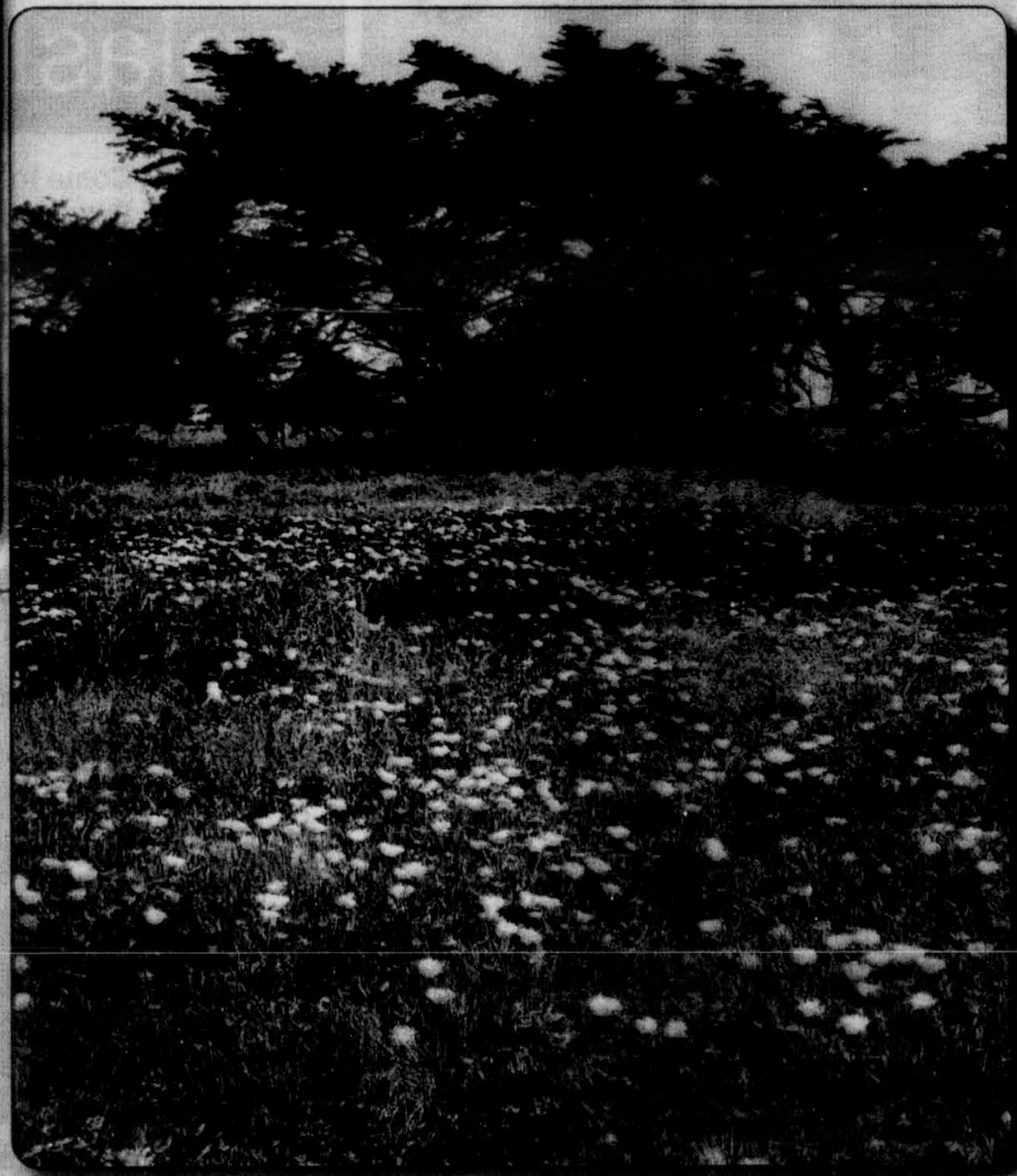
Today, O'Donoghue now works for the Pismo Beach Chamber of Commerce.

"When people ask what is there to do in Pismo Beach, I tell them 'relax and get cool,'" O'Donoghue said.

At Pismo State Beach, which O'Donoghue said is mainly a tourist beach, the ideal climate allows for beach-going during all four seasons. The beach is not affected by tides so the water is calm from the pier on. However, the water tends to be a lot cooler than neighboring Avila Beach.

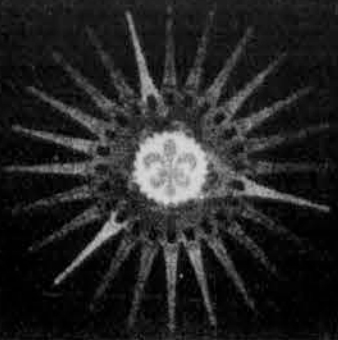
Surfing, kayaking, walking, horseback riding and ATV riding are exceptionally popular activities at Pismo State Beach. Although vehicles aren't allowed on Pismo State Beach itself, the Oceano Dunes, south of Pismo Beach, provide a chance for adventurous drivers to ride on large, soft sand dunes.

For less adventurous visitors, the area of Pismo Beach has approximately 45 restaurants such as steakhouses, Italian, Asian and seafood. Clams are a popular staple in the local seafood restaurants because Pismo Beach is known for its Pismo Clam. For savvy shoppers, the Pismo Beach Prime Outlets feature more than 40 name-brand, discounted outlet stores.



Cambria is known as the place where "the pines meet the sea." Here, the vegetation covers the surrounding cliffs.





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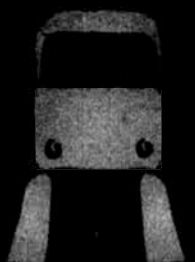


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## Beaches

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community has a downtown area that features dining, art galleries, shops and recreational activities such as pier fishing and skating at the local skate park.

Many of the restaurants in downtown Cayucos offer oceanfront dining and locally sourced ingredients of freshly caught fish. Rudell's Smokehouse, a critically acclaimed restaurant by Coastal Living and Sunset magazines, is located right by the ocean and offers fresh meat presented in a taco, salad or sandwich. Rudell's personifies the mellow vibe of Cayucos in the way it prepares its food; each meal is carefully and slowly smoked with flavor. Other notable dining experiences include Hoppe's Bistro and Wine Bar and Schooners Wharf.

North of Cayucos there are many opportunities for outdoors exploring. Estero Bluffs State Park features 355 acres of coastal terrain and the California Coastal Trail extends the entire length of the California coast — and there are gateways to the trail near Cayucos. Sea lions can be seen diving off some of the rocky coast during certain times of the year.

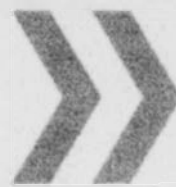
## Cayucos (below)



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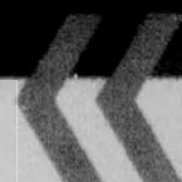
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# Football looks to rebound from last year's losing season

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It may be less than a month before football season starts, but the biggest question surrounding the Cal Poly football team is still unanswered.

Will it be quarterback Andre Broadous or Tony Smith who leads Cal Poly's offense come September?

As the team awaits head coach Tim Walsh's decision in their first week of

well. I mean he knows all his checks, he knows all his audibles, and he is real smart with the ball," Broadous said. "He is a great student of the game."

Yet the job of a starting quarterback is never safe. Standing behind him is Broadous, a player who — whenever he starts — may have one of the most highly anticipated debuts in recent years. At Grant High School, the Oregon native racked up 6,000 yards of total offense in his junior and senior seasons combined. His style mirrors

**"We are going to try to do the best thing that's going to give this team the opportunity to win as many games as it can."**

— Tim Walsh  
Football head coach

practice, either Smith or Broadous will be trying to help a program rebound from one of the worst seasons of the decade — at least on paper.

Cal Poly went (4-7) last season, finishing at the bottom of the Great West. The Mustangs couldn't win a single game on the road and finished outside of the national polls for the first time since 2003 — while also suffering their first losing season since 2002.

"It's a team game and it's about winning," Walsh said. "We are going to try to do the best thing that's going to give this team the opportunity to win as many games as it can."

In some eyes, there really shouldn't be a debate. Last season, it was the job of Smith, a man who led his team last season against opponents like San Jose State, Sacramento State and Ohio, while throwing for 1,618 yards — just 342 less Jonathan Dally in his senior season — in 11 starts. Not to mention, he will be heading into this season as a senior.

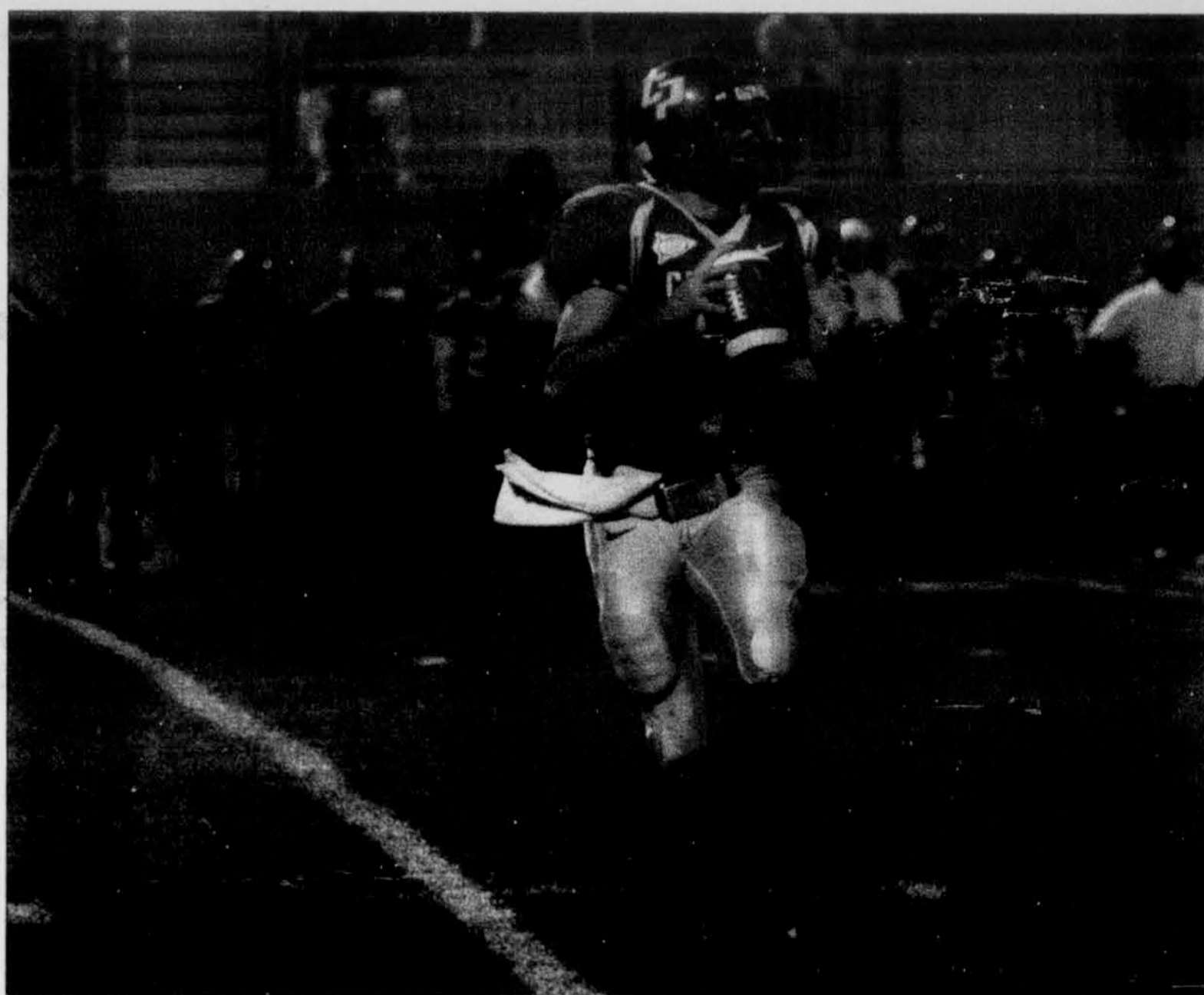
"Tony, he knows the game really

the prototypical triple-option quarterback — a shifty runner with speed and moves that will make fans stand on their feet.

"Playmaker. That's the first thing that comes to my mind when you see (Broadous)," starting cornerback Asa Jackson said. "He is one of those guys that you have to account for running the ball on every single play. And that's a killer."

At his — or Smith's — disposal will be 11 offensive players who started at least five games last year. Returning will be most of the offensive line, wide receiver Dominique Johnson and fullbacks Jake Romanelli and Jordan Yocum among others. Not to mention potential playmakers K.J. Cusack and Mark Rodgers could creep their way onto the field to make some noise.

But regardless of whatever offensive personnel the Mustangs throw onto the field, it may take a team effort to get past last season's numbers. Defensive playmakers like Asa Jackson, linebackers Kenny Jackson and Marty Mohamed are going to try to help this



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Quarterback (above) Tony Smith passed for 1,618 yards last year, just 342 less than Jonathan Dally in his senior season.

team rebound as well — on the other side of the ball.

"This year, this team is going to be a huge defensive factor," Mohamed said. "I am going to make sure of that. This defense is going to be one of the best defenses in the entire nation. As a leader and the defensive captain, I am going to make sure that everything we do as a defense is perfect... we are not going to quit."

Mohamed may have his work cut out for him. Eight defensive starters will return from last year's squad, but last season's defense was an over-worked group decimated by injuries. It was a defense who gave up more than 30 points in four games and more than 400 yards of offense on six occasions,

while also letting four halftime leads slip and turn into losses.

"I look back at last season, if there was one disappointment it was that we as a program didn't finish," Walsh said. "And in the game of football, with the schedule that we play, if we don't start well and we don't finish well, we're going to struggle."

Cal Poly plays two home games to start the season, but may not have full attendance due to the academic calendar. By the time fall quarter begins, Cal Poly will be in the third week of its season. In week two, Cal Poly faced off against Montana — a team who went undefeated a year ago and rode their hot hands all the way to the FCS championship, falling to Villanova 23-21.

Three weeks after that, Cal Poly will travel to Fresno State — a usual Western Athletic Conference contender who very well could have a strangle hold on the crown on the conference if

Boise State were out of the picture — in the third game of a five game road trip.

Then the Mustangs return home for three of their last four games and host rival UC Davis in the final game of the 2010 season.

Opponents aside, Cal Poly will be aiming for one thing come September. There will be no talk of national championships, national rankings, or all-conference teams — the only thing Walsh wants his team to focus on is where they stand come November.

"Our goal period, end of statement, is to win the Great West," Walsh said. "If we go above and beyond that that's great, but our job this year is to win the Great West championship, beat UC Davis here on the last week of the season and whatever happens after that happens."

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# Football looks to reclaim the 'Golden Horseshoe' from UC Davis

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Minnesota and Michigan have "The Little Brown Jug," Ohio State and Illinois have the "Illibuck Trophy" and Army, Navy and Air Force have the "Commander-in-Chief's Trophy." Lesser known, however, is the "Golden Horseshoe," a trophy that Cal Poly and UC Davis football players battle for each year.

Cal Poly and UC Davis went head-to-head for the first time in 1938, but it wasn't a huge rivalry until the '70s. The two teams became "official" rivals in 2004 when the "Golden Horseshoe" was introduced.

Recently, the Aggie Pack hopes to keep the trophy exactly as made, whereas the Maniacs have been looking for ways to improve it.

"When Cal Poly won in 2006 (the Maniacs) decided to beautify it ... We took the idea from USC and Notre Dame to put a green or blue gem on the Horseshoe for the team that won (each year)," said Mustang Maniacs co-chair, Kyle Rosso.

However, last year when the Aggies beat the Mustangs in the rivalry game at UC Davis, the Aggie Pack removed the gems.

"We didn't really agree with the gems and felt that the trophy was better without it," said the emcee of the Aggie Pack, Thomas Wolfe.

The Mustang Maniacs and the Aggie Pack have similar goals when it comes to promoting this game — both hold rallies, create Facebook groups and continuously remind people about the game to get as many fans as possible to show up each Saturday. Each group believes it has the biggest and most supportive fan base.

"This is our number one rival," Wolfe said. "We will be making a four-hour drive down to Cal Poly to be there to make noise."

Rosso, however, is adamant that Cal Poly has the advantage because he said its fans have more spirit.

Although the rivalry might seem intense, all parties involved said it is nothing but positive for college football and for the two schools in general.

"I believe that any rivalry is good for schools and sports," Rosso said. "(And) it's a big part of the college experience too."

In addition to the rivalry among the fans, Cal Poly cornerback Asa Jackson said there is tension and

"extra energy" between the football players on the field.

Given the tie between Cal Poly and UC Davis, Jackson said it is an even bigger game for him and other players because during high school, he, along with a handful of other players, were recruited by UC Davis — but chose to join the Mustangs. Wolfe said that because the schools are similar academically, many students find themselves choosing between the two — adding fuel to the rivalry.

This season, UC Davis was selected by the Big West coaches as the preseason favorite to win the Great West conference, with Cal Poly coming in second. With Cal Poly the Great West winner in 2008 and UC Davis the champion in 2009 each team knows it may come down to getting past the other in order to contend for the Great West.

"We know that we have to win this game in order to reach our main goal — which is to win the Great West," Jackson said.

The Mustang players are coming into this year's game with a chip on their shoulders after losing to UC Davis 23-10 last season.

However, a positive thing for the Mustangs is that this year it will have the support of its home crowd and the Mustang Maniacs at Alex G. Spanos Stadium on Nov. 13.

"This game is going to be on our soil," Rosso said. "It is up to us to show Davis what we are made of."

But the Aggie Pack is not going down without a fight.

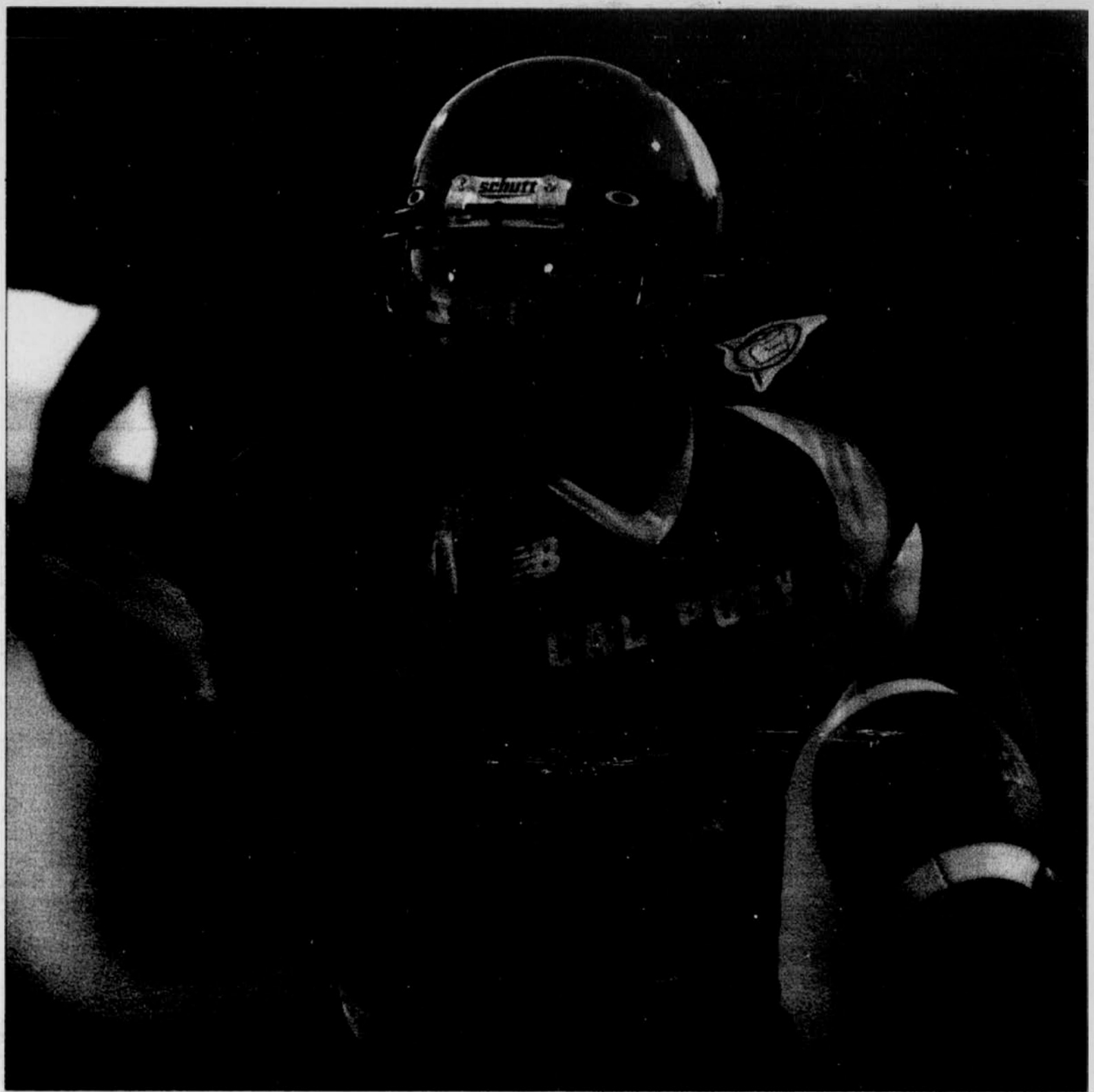
"We are going to be there to make some noise," Wolfe said. "We definitely want to be louder than the competition."

The Mustang Maniacs, however, are confident in the team and are ready to take back the Golden Horseshoe.

"We can't wait to get the horseshoe back," Rosso said. "We plan to put the gems back on when we win to make it better."

The Mustangs will be doing all it can to return the Golden Horseshoe to who they believe is the proper owner. And as always, the game will be a heated one that involves students dressed in "Beat Davis" shirts and the Aggie Pack taking up an entire set of bleachers in the end zone.

"The UC Davis game is the last home game of the season," Rosso said. "I can't think of a better way to end it."



Former Cal Poly quarterback Jonathan Dally rushed for 173 yards and passed for 95 in the 2008 Davis-Poly matchup.

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## From Poly to the Pros: the Chris Gocong story

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Football schematics can often be challenging.

When looking at play art, there can be so many signs and short hand that it looks more like hieroglyphics rather than anything comprehensible. With numerous Xs, Os, squares and circles, it seems coaches are often in search of discovering a new form of Pictionary as opposed to a standard play call.

Take all that, add a blitz-crazy playbook and a legendary defensive mind, and the task may seem nearly impossible for any individual to grasp — especially for a player picking up a position he had never played before.

Not for former Cal Poly defensive end Chris Gocong.

"He has a special mind. There are a lot of guys who have a special mind, but don't necessarily have the athletic ability that Chris has," former Cal Poly linebacker Kyle Shotwell said. "Then pair his intelligent mind to his incredibly athletic body and you get a specimen. That is what Chris is."

Gocong can thank his engineering degree and Cal Poly football experience for that.

"In the scheme he played for on the (Philadelphia) Eagles, they are notorious for probably being the

most complex defense — schematically — in the NFL," Shotwell said. "The fact that he was able to go on to the NFL in arguably the most complex defense and learn a completely new position; to be able to do that takes an extremely bright individual. Not many guys can do that — Chris is one of those guys."

Don't let his mind deceive you. The Cal Poly football legend wasn't all smarts. For years, he haunted the dreams of Great West quarterbacks. His intellect and knack for finding the quarterback earned him a Buck Buchanan award in 2005 — recognizing him as the best defensive player in the country. After stepping off the collegiate field for the final time, Gocong ranked second all-time at Cal Poly with 42 career sacks, ninth all-time at Cal Poly with 42 single-season tackles and 10th in Cal Poly history with 212 career tackles.

But he hasn't always been that dominant.

### Learning curves

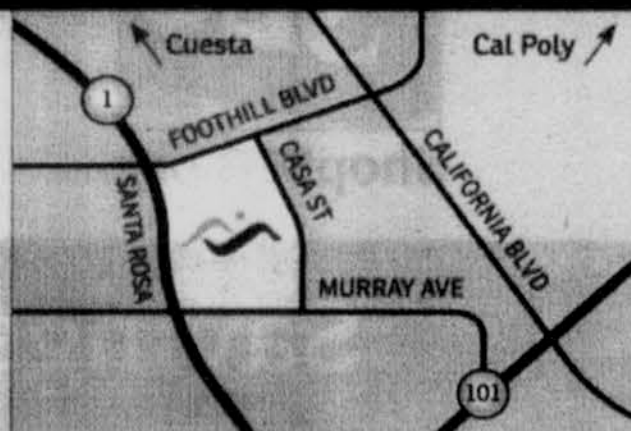
It seemed as if no matter where he was on the field, Gocong could get to the quarterback. Throughout the majority of his football career, he possessed the ability to torment quarterbacks anywhere on the defensive line and sometimes at linebacker. Yet,

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come national signing day, no colleges saw the potential in a high school Gocong.

"No one really recruited me for football. I had a few Ivy League schools looking at me, but it wasn't anything too serious where they offered me a scholarship," Gocong said.

He started his football career at Carpinteria High School. Despite never playing football before high school, Gocong was a three-year letter-winner at quarterback and linebacker. He made 180 tackles as a junior, 150 as a senior, while scoring 11 touchdowns on defense and threw for four more as a senior. It didn't stop there; he was also a stand-out in track and field. The two-sport athlete set a school record in the discus and nabbed two all-league honors in the discus and shot put.

But not even those stats landed on Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson's radar. Entering his first season at Cal Poly, Ellerson was looking for an answer to turning around a team that had recorded three consecutive 3-8

seasons.

At first, Gocong wasn't a part of the solution.

"Our track coaches were the ones that made us aware of him," Ellerson said. "They came to us and said, 'Hey, we need to split this guy because we want him to come throw.' Ironically, he never did throw at Cal Poly."

Ellerson glanced at Gocong's playing tape, but wasn't completely sold. He said one thing was for certain: the fact that he excelled on both sides of the football field showed him something.

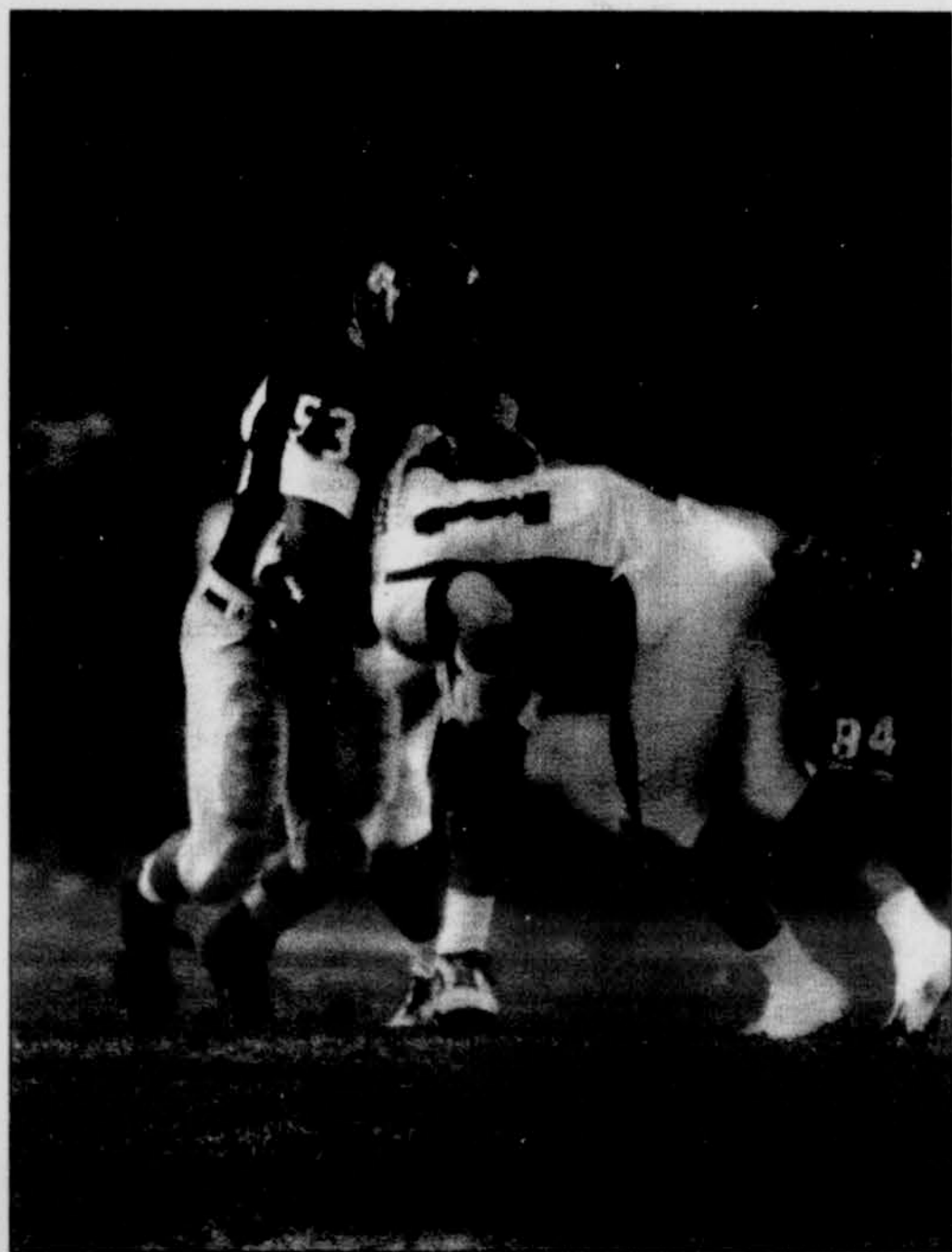
"His actual playing tape from football was not remarkable. It certainly showed he was athletic and it showed that he had that position flexibility and it showed that his coaches in high school obviously had a high regard for his athleticism, but the tape itself didn't scream that at you," Ellerson said.

Despite the doubts, Ellerson gave Gocong his chance at the collegiate level of football — as a Mustang.

### The three-point stance

Gocong already proved himself at

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Former Cal Poly defensive end Chris Gocong (53) ranks second all-time at Cal Poly with 42 career sacks, ninth all-time at Cal Poly with 42 single-season tackles and 10th at Cal Poly with 212 career tackles.

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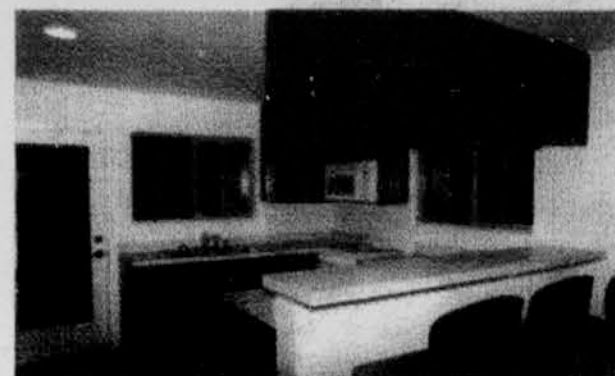
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## sports

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arguably two of the hardest positions on the football field in high school. He would tear defenses up with his touchdown passes, then light up ball carriers at linebacker.

College, however, presented a new task.

"I thought he had the explosiveness and the potential to find a place but, I didn't know where that place would be," Ellerson said. "I really didn't know what position he would end up playing; I just knew he was a versatile guy, he had been a versatile athlete. We would see when we got him."

His explosiveness warranted him a spot on the defensive line — defensive end more specifically — but on paper, he didn't make much of a name for himself in his first two years. He played his freshman season and recorded just six tackles, and the following season, he redshirted and didn't play.

In his redshirt sophomore season, due to injuries, he was asked to move from a defensive end to an interior defensive lineman. It didn't give him

a chance to be an explosive and disruptive pass rusher, but it presented a different challenge.

"He wasn't the stature you would look for, but he was clearly the best guy we could put inside physically," Ellerson said. "He had the explosiveness to play and the strength to play in there. That gave us a chance to have a successful season."

Gocong helped his team to a 7-4 season. Even though he was playing a new position, he still saw improvement from his freshman season. He finished with 37 tackles and just one sack. In 2004, Gocong returned to what Ellerson would later call his "natural position," defensive end, where he nearly doubled his total tackles (71) and finished with 17.5 sacks.

At this point, Gocong didn't have his eyes set on playing professionally and even if he was, there were better choices than Cal Poly to help him get to the NFL. A member of Division I-AA, now known as the FCS, Cal Poly was known more for its academics than its athletic programs. But Gocong also wanted to be an engineer — a factor in his decision to play for Ellerson.

"He was dead serious about his education," Ellerson said. "He had come to Cal Poly because of the engineering program and he was going to take advantage of that."

He ended up in engineering at Cal Poly, but as a kid, he never really knew what his childhood dream was. Not even in college did Gocong have a solid outlook on how he would use his degree.

"I really didn't think about too much of my (professional) career," Gocong said. "Even up to my sophomore year in college, I figured I'd be an engineer, I'd play football and do whatever."

It wasn't until midway through the offseason that he found out he had a shot at something most dream about.

#### Eyes on the prize

Pass rushing is a lot different in the pros than in college.

Linemen grow in size, standing as tall as 6-foot-6 and tipping the scales at more than 300 pounds. Wingspans grow, forcing defensive linemen to make shorter, more calculated routes to quarterbacks. Not to mention most get stronger, forcing some pass rushers to fight brute force with speed and agility.

It becomes an arms race to see who can win the battle in the trenches. Linebackers and defensive ends have to adapt — adding new tools other than the rips, spins and jukes which, for some have become nearly obsolete. After all, an excellent pass rusher can nearly incapacitate any offensive momentum. However, it's not often you find players who have the physical tools to get past walls on the offensive line.

This was Gocong's specialty, but it wasn't until near the end of his collegiate career that he realized those skills gave him a chance to play on Sundays.

"At the end of my junior year, Jordan Beck got drafted and I realized, 'Oh wow, maybe I do have a chance to play in the NFL,'" Gocong said. "That whole year, that made me really focus a lot of energy on working out and getting myself right for the next season."

Heading into his senior season, while also finishing up his academic career, Gocong trained for his final football season harder than ever before.

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## The 'student' side to Cal Poly student athletes

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In an empty room on the second floor of Robert E. Mott Physical Education building, sitting at a desk and mumbling to herself, Rachel Clancy studies a packet of biology notes. It's 7 a.m. and the junior guard on the Cal Poly women's basketball team has practice in an hour. For Clancy, sneaking an extra glance is worth the early rise. It helps her stay ahead of the game.

Student athletes are a mix of physical ability and mental toughness. Demands to succeed hover over them both on and off their respective playing fields; it's a never-ending shuffle between class and competition. At Cal Poly, the academic standards are tough — academic probation officers come knocking if a student's grade point average (GPA) falls below 2.0. But there is a double standard for student athletes: the repercussions of not making the grade are far more severe than a quarter on probation.

Student athletes across the country are expected to succeed in school and are held accountable for their classroom diligence. The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) goes to great lengths to ensure academic excellence for athletes at every institution. According to Shannon Stephens, director of academic services for intercollegiate athletics at Cal Poly, the NCAA focus on scholarly stardom is nothing new. Shannon, who also serves as an Academic Progress Report (APR) consultant for the NCAA, said the NCAA has strict guidelines governing intercollegiate eligibility requirements.

On the national level, NCAA eligibility requirements are meant to even the playing field as far as academics are concerned. College

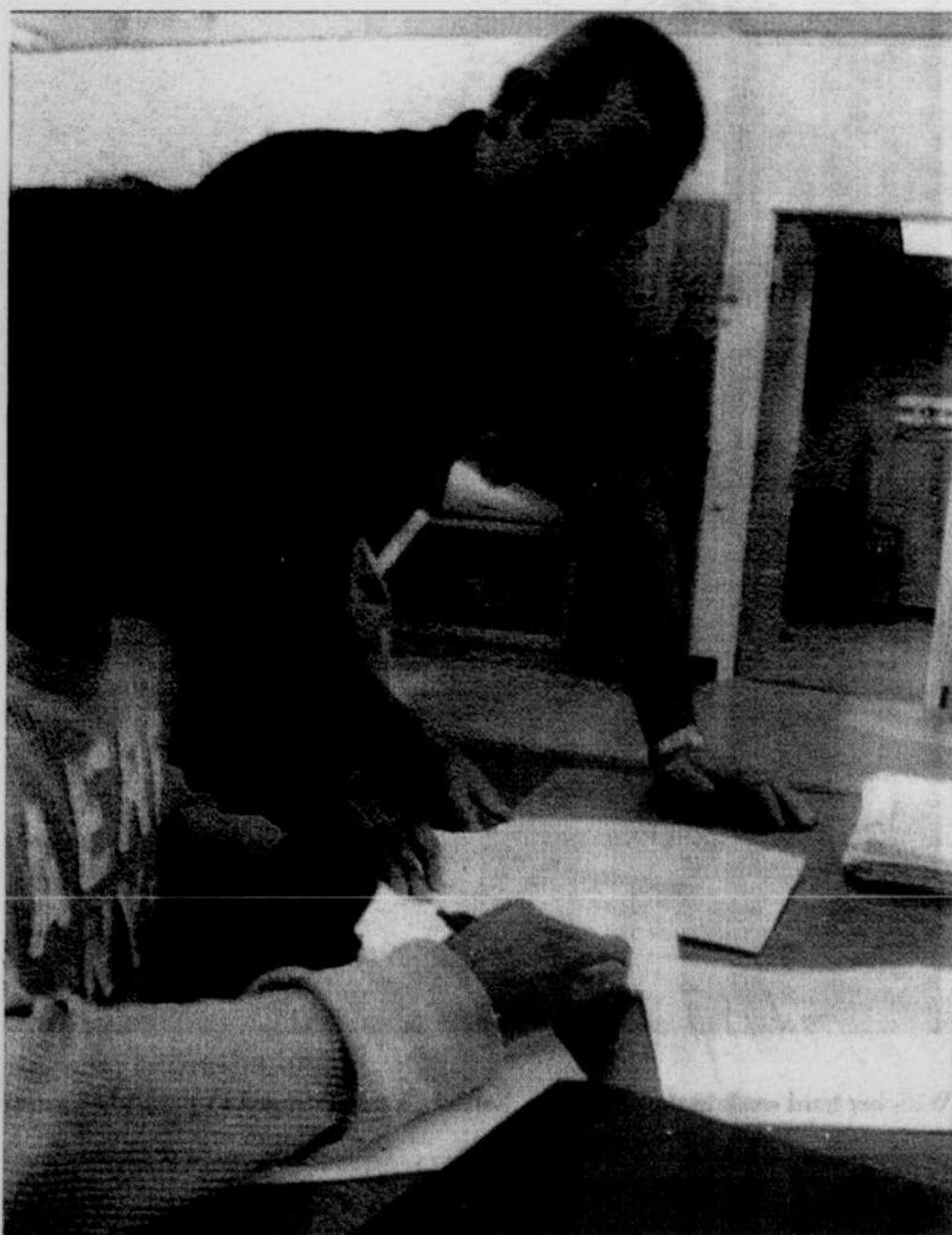
athletes are eligible for Division-I intercollegiate competition based on two main criteria: full-time student status (minimum 12 units per term, passing 6 units) and a minimum 1.8 GPA (90 percent of graduation minimum) after the first full year. After sophomore year, it's 95 percent, and after junior year it's 100 percent.

One kicker to this criteria — which has many layers — is that institutions can choose whether to report player eligibility based on NCAA guidelines, or develop and report according to its own academic standards. Cal Poly chooses the latter, and when students graduate, they're getting a pedigree.

The difference between Cal Poly and NCAA eligibility requirements is two-tenths of a point. That's substantial, all things considered. Athletes, instead of maintaining eligibility by earning a 1.8 GPA after their first year, must nurture a 2.0 GPA right off the bat. And unlike NCAA policy, at Cal Poly, freshmen athletes' GPA is reported after their first term, not after their first completed year. Furthermore, if an incoming freshman athlete attends summer school — which men's basketball head coach Joe Callero said young athletes benefit from because it prepares them both physically and mentally for college life — and receives a C- average (under 2.0 GPA), then that player is ineligible to play his or her sport in fall quarter. The player, if held to by NCAA standards, would retain eligibility and have a chance to raise his or her GPA until the end of the year.

Even with the looming pressures of a raised academic bar, Cal Poly athletes relentlessly train their minds and bodies.

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Shannon Stephens, director of academic services for Cal Poly athletics, helps students achieve academic success. Stephens (standing) helps football player Cougar Williams schedule classes for the next quarter.

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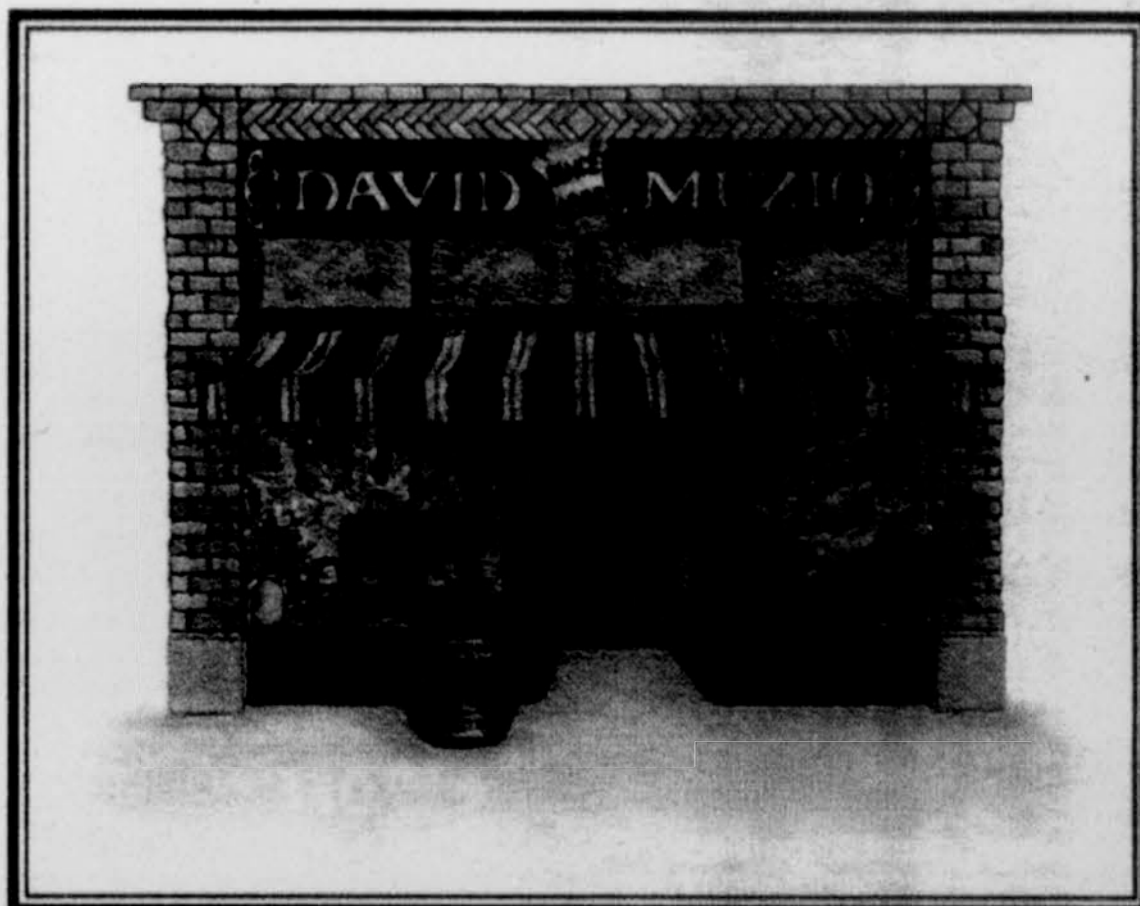
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orball team faced an immediate nalty in 2008-09 and lost one holarship. Currently, the team's ore is 868 and can skip further nalization if it "demonstrates acamic improvement and favorable mparison based on other academ-or institutional factors."

Closer to home, Callero and the en's basketball team are serious out academics. They have an APR ore of 944.

Callero said he is the biggest fan higher academic standards and id Cal Poly provided a tremen-us academic opportunity. But he uestioned the university's policy r reporting player eligibility and id there needs to be a better plan at reflects the true successes of Cal ly student-athletes.

"We need to review the rules that it institutions at different levels mpared to schools that use NCAA quirements," Callero said. "We ouldn't go into a game and say, OK, let's make three-pointers count two points for us and three points r the other team." That wouldn't right, because we may make more ree-pointers than the score would ow. Right now we look good, but e could look great."

At Cal Poly, all students earning 1.99 GPA are placed on academic obation. But, if student-athletes op below a 2.0 GPA, not only do ey lose collegiate eligibility, they se APR points. Since Cal Poly ooses to report at its own stan-ards rather than those mandated

student-athletes. The graduating senior was selected to the 2010 ESPN The Magazine All-American Second Team. And she is coming back to play in her last year of collegiate eligibility.

"Procrastination is a no-no, so I like getting my work done, that way I am at practice. Also, I am one of those people who need my sleep, and when I hear that someone on the team stayed up until 2 a.m. finishing homework, I am glad I got mine done early," she said.

Clancy uses the learning center because it is close to where she spends most of her time. Plus, she said, walking to the library wastes valuable time.

While most athletes agree with Clancy, for some, like Hanson, the library helps mix things up.

"I go there pretty often, actually," Hanson said. "In my opinion, it's the best study place because it is quiet and a working environment. I spend a lot of time there during finals week."

Chen said he and the library have grown very close.

"The library has developed into my second home. In fact, I am considering calling it my home since that is where I spend the majority of time these days," he said.

Studying is one constant for student-athletes.

Whether playing on the road or at home, student-athletes are required to attend study hall. Stephens said either he or coaches monitor study sessions, and when on the road, athletes complete their hours in hotel rooms.

to study, he's OK with it, and I can make up practice afterwards. He also schedules our practices around the juniors' and seniors' mandatory classes."


Chen said the trade-off between playing hard and studying harder is

a testament to the quality of a Cal Poly diploma.

"I think a lot of athletes challenge themselves to be good at both their sport as well as in the books," he said. "Above eligibility, most of our athletes, including myself, re-

gard our education very highly, because we have goals such as further education or getting a good job after graduation."

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**You have to be very focused and driven in both academics and the sport to excel, especially here at Cal Poly.**

— David Hanson  
Men's basketball forward

NCAA requirements, student eligibility and APR scores potentially skew Cal Poly's success when compared to other schools

Despite the helpfulness for high-ups when looking at the whole picture, for student-athletes, the focal point remains staying ahead.

The Cal Poly men's basketball team has six players at or above a 3.0 GPA.

One of the six, sophomore guard David Hanson, who is also a captain, said catching up on school work is not easy.

"The season is physically and mentally demanding, so it makes a challenge to focus on school at times," he said. "You miss class for travel and games, and on the weekends we're gone, which is often the time to get caught up. You have to be very focused and driven in both academics and the sport to excel, especially here at Cal Poly."

And just as traveling is part of laying intercollegiate sports, studying is crucial for academic success.

Student-athletes have access to the same resources afforded other students. Upstairs in the Physical Education building, a learning center makes student life manageable.

Clancy said time-management is the biggest problem among fellow

"Study hall is good because the distractions aren't there. When you go home, there is always something going on and it is easy to get side-tracked," Hanson said.


While study hall seems mandatory across the board, it's really up to the coaches. Callero said meeting the 3.0 benchmark on his team gets his players an "out-of-jail free card."

Clancy said women's basketball players who make 3.0 GPA or higher don't have to attend study hall. With academic success comes respect as a maturing adult, therefore, athletes who prove it are left alone to take care of their own business.

"As you get older, (coaches) become flexible. You earn your way out of it," she said, regarding the team's study hall policy.

Women's tennis star Steffi Wong, who has been on the Dean's list four times and was Big West Scholar of the Year 2009, said Coach Hugh Bream creates a scholastic environment in which academics are a priority for his players.

"Coach is really good about putting our studies first," she said. "We've established a trusting relationship where he knows that I am a self-disciplined student, and if I ever need to take a day off practice




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# Women's volleyball gears for 'tough teams' in 2010

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The Cal Poly women's volleyball team released its 2010 regular season schedule. Twenty-nine matches are scheduled, including games against Arizona, Notre Dame and Nebraska, while attending the Shamrock Invitational, Nike Invitational, Nike Cougar Challenge and Aggie Invitational tournaments.

In eight of these contests, the Mustangs will face teams that made

the NCAA tournament last year.

"We play some tough teams but as a senior that's what I look forward to," middle blocker Dominique Olowolafe said.

With five returning starters coming back for the Mustangs in 2010, this squad is looking to compete with the best.

"Playing these teams is pretty big for us. We always want a tough schedule in order to challenge ourselves," junior outside hitter Katie Smith said.

Despite an injury that may

sideline sophomore outside hitter Megan McConnell, Cal Poly is also adding another freshman outside hitter, Kristina Graven, to its stacked roster.

squad that won the 2009 Big East title.

On Sept. 3, the Mustangs faced BYU at the Cougars home court for the BYU Nike Invitational.

**With most of the players returning, we are expecting a very different record this year.**

— Megan McConnell  
Women's volleyball outside hitter

"It's nice to be really deep in the outside hitter position," Olowolafe said.

The Mustangs are trying to rebound from a 2009 season where they finished 9-20 overall and 5-11 in the Big West Conference. However, with a young team last year 2010 looks to be a turn-around year for Cal Poly.

"With most of the players returning, we are expecting a very different record this year," McConnell said.

Cal Poly opened the season on Aug. 27 against Arizona in tournament play. The competition concluded the following day with a match against Marshall, then a match against Notre Dame — a

Then on Sept. 4, the team played Nebraska — a team that made it to the East Regional final game in the NCAA tournament last year, as well as Idaho State that same day.

On Sept. 9, Cal Poly attended the Nike Cougar Challenge at Washington State playing Eastern Washington. Two days later, the Mustangs faced Montana State. The tournament concluded for the Mustangs that same day when they face Washington State.

After that, the Mustangs will head to the Aggie Invitational at UC Davis to face Oregon State on Sept. 17. The following day, competition is completed after a match against Portland.

Cal Poly opens the home portion of its season at Mott Gym on Sept. 19 against Cal State Bakersfield. The Mustangs, although only 5-6 at home in 2009, normally have success at home and hope to bring that success back in 2010.

"We are more comfortable in our own gym and look forward to getting some wins there," Smith said.

The Mustangs, who were back-to-back Big West Champions in

2006 and 2007, open conference play on Sept. 24 at UC Irvine. The following day the Mustangs continue conference play at Cal State Northridge.

After that, Cal Poly will head back home for a four game stretch in Mott Gym. It starts on Oct. 1 against Cal State Fullerton, then continues to the next day when Mustangs face Long Beach State — the defending Big West champions.

McConnell said this is a goal she and her fellow teammates are looking forward to.

"Long Beach is definitely a challenge for us and I definitely want to beat them," she said.

The next two home games the Mustangs will be against UC Riverside on Oct. 8 and UCSB on Oct. 9.

Cal Poly will then travel to UC Davis on Oct. 15 followed by Pacific on Oct. 22. The Mustangs return to the Central Coast for matches against Cal State Northridge on Oct. 22 and UC Irvine on Oct. 23.

Cal Poly will then venture on a three-match road trip to face Long Beach State on Oct. 29, Cal State Fullerton on Oct. 30, then UC Davis on Nov. 6. The Mustangs complete their home schedule with matches against Pacific on Nov. 12 and UC Davis on Nov. 13. The regular season is complete for the Mustangs after a match at UC Riverside on Nov. 19.

The Mustangs goal at this point is to be the Big West champions.

"Of course we want to be Big West champions and make it to the NCAA tournament," Smith said.

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## Gocong

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"He was right in there working just as hard as the next guy," Shotwell said. "He was always doing what it takes to maximize his God-given skills. He is definitely one of the strongest guys I have ever been around in the weight room."

Gocong did not have straight-line speed (he clocked a 4.81 40-yard dash), but what made him dominant was his quickness. He couldn't out-run a wide receiver, but he had the acceleration to reach 0-to-60 in seconds.

"The guy is pretty much at full speed after two steps," Shotwell said. He was extremely gifted with being able to get to full speed in a short amount of time. Most people were probably faster than Chris, but none

were more explosive than him."

In a week five match up against Northern Colorado, that explosive skill was put on display.

All game, crouched in a three-point stance on the defensive line was a 6-foot-3, 265-pound defensive end — Gocong. He constantly aimed for one thing — and one thing only — to pummel Northern Colorado quarterback TJ Swanson into the turf.

On one play, he got his wish.

"It was almost like he knew when the quarterback was going to say, 'Hike,'" Shotwell said.

Coaches often tell quarterbacks they have about three seconds to release the ball before they're laying on their backs. On this play, Swanson had far less than that. Gocong blew past the tackle almost immediately off the cadence and collided with the quarterback.

"He timed his jump so perfectly," Shotwell said.

Weary-eyed and still seated on the ground, Swanson took one glance at Gocong. For him, the play wasn't over. To add insult to injury, as Gocong made his way toward the sideline, he turned to Swanson, raised his hand and wagged his finger.

"It was almost like he was saying, 'Don't even try and pass the ball; you are not going to get much time,'" Shotwell said. "It was right then when I realized, 'Wow, this guy

can really dominate a game.' He is a game changer."

### D-day

Gocong was aiming for a goal that not many players in Cal Poly's football history have accomplished. He was competing for a starting job on 32 NFL teams, while competing in a subdivision of Division-I that is often hidden in the shadows of storied programs such as USC, Miami and Texas.

"It was tough. Coming out of a (Football Championship Subdivision) school was tough, because even though you may have dominated the competition, it's always, 'Oh, you went to (an FCS school).'" Gocong said. "People don't expect, when you play football at Cal Poly, that you're going to be in the NFL."

But his 212 tackles, 58 tackles for loss and 42 sacks at Cal Poly didn't go unnoticed.

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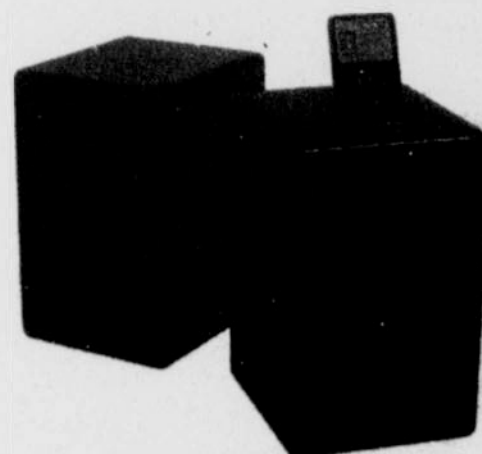
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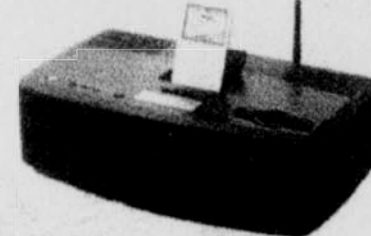
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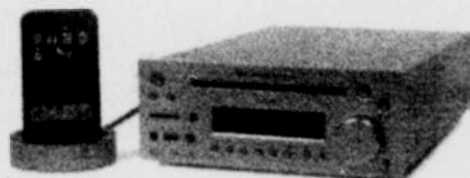
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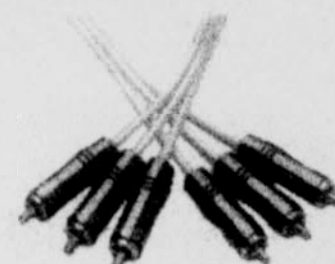
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## The Cardinal are counting on a good Luck in 2010

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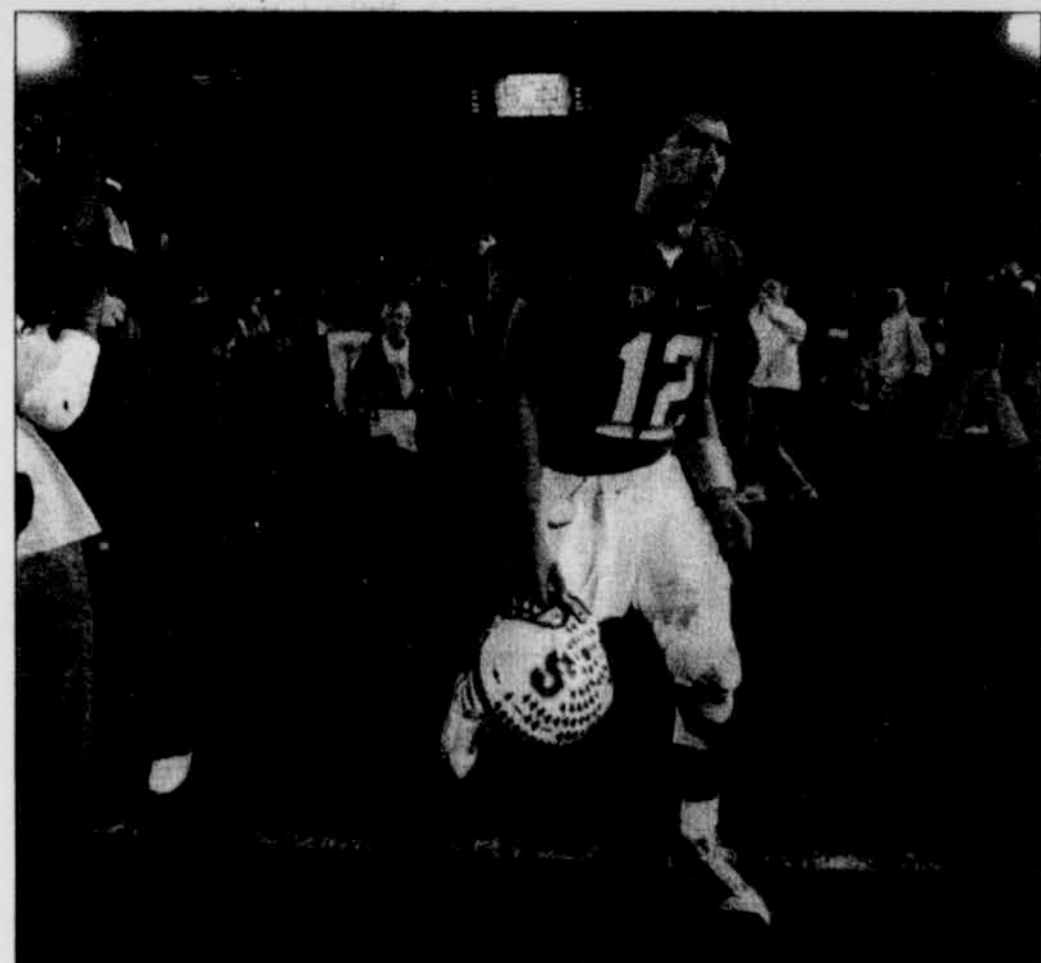
STANFORD, Calif. — Andrew Luck opens the 2010 season as the most celebrated Stanford quarterback this side of John Elway, a grounded, whip-smart athlete who might emerge as a leading Heisman Trophy candidate as well as a top

NFL draft prospect.

But let's not get ahead of ourselves. Two central questions will chase Luck into the post-Toby Gerhart era like pass rushers bent on mayhem:

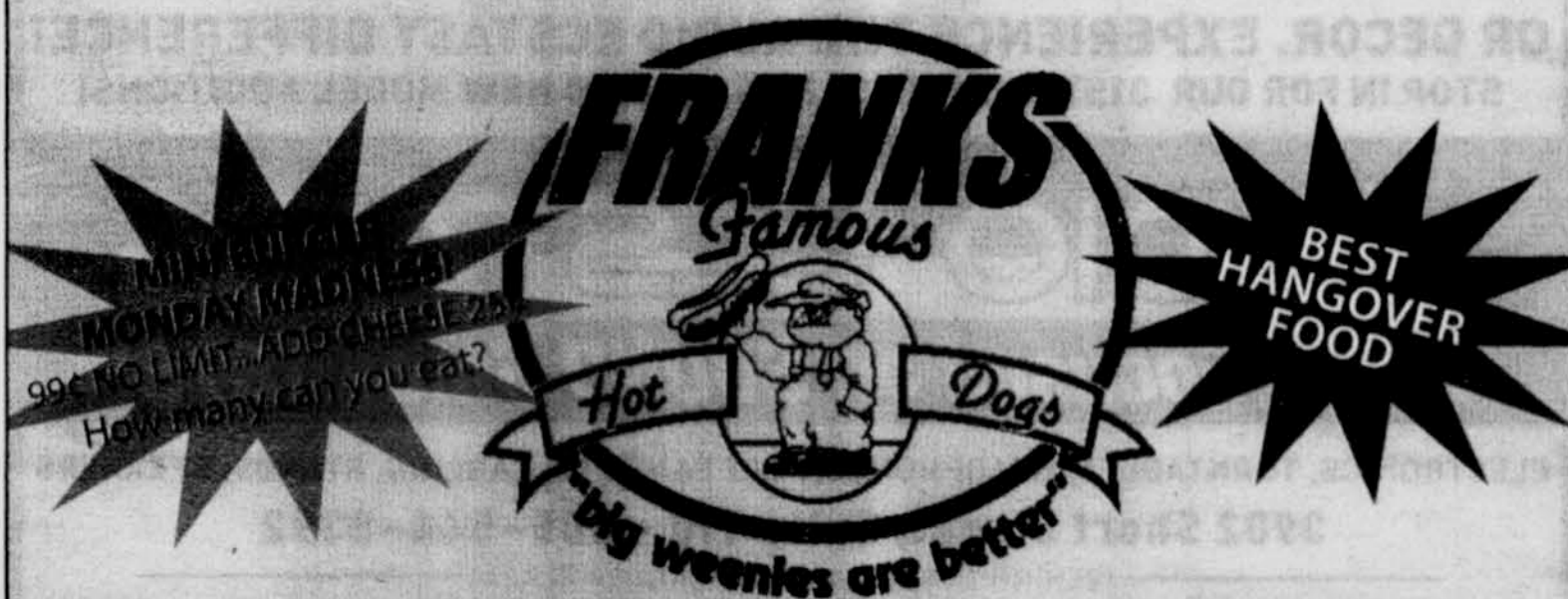
Can he smooth the transition for an unproven corps of tailbacks asked

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## Luck

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to replace the record-setting Gerhart and avoid the dreaded "sophomore slump?"

Will this be Luck's last season at Stanford?

If the answer to the first query is yes, then almost certainly the response to the next will be too.

With Gerhart now a Minnesota Vikings rookie, all eyes shift to quarterback, where Luck can prove beyond a doubt he belongs alongside Cardinal greats John Brodie, Jim Plunkett and Elway.

"He had it all last year," coach Jim Harbaugh said of his quarterback's talents, "and he has it again this year."

As a redshirt freshman Luck passed for 2,575 yards, throwing for 13 touchdowns with only four interceptions. He also led the Pacific-10 Conference in passing efficiency and was the team's second-leading rusher behind Gerhart as Stanford (8-5) reached its first bowl game in eight years.

Luck's zip-line passing and sound decision-making skills are an excellent start. They mix nicely with a starting wide receiver corps that returns intact, an offensive line missing only one starter and hard-charging Owen Marecic handling fullback duties again. Stanford was picked to finish fourth in the Pac-10 preseason media poll but has its sights on winning the conference title for the first time since 1999.

"The pieces are there to be every bit as explosive as last year," said Todd Husak, a Stanford broadcaster who led the Cardinal to the 2000 Rose Bowl as a quarterback.

To which the young man fueling the optimism replies, hold on a second. Luck doesn't have a 3.8 grade-point average while majoring in architectural design without being able to sketch a sound plan on the fly.

"You start to get in trouble if you think about things that you really have no control over," he recently said while standing in Stanford Stadium.

The quarterback from Houston tries to defuse expectations in an aw-shucks, Texan manner, saying he's just one returning part of a school-record offense.

"I wouldn't necessarily say it's my team; it's the players' team," he said.

Not exactly true. Stanford will go only as far as Luck can lead it, similar to what unfolded last season when Gerhart rushed for 1,871 yards and 28 touchdowns.

"He's taken more of an initiative of being a master of the offense," said Tavita Pritchard, Luck's backup last season and now a Cardinal assistant coach. "He's just going to have to pick it up a little bit."

Luck, who turns 21 next month, has embraced the change saying he won't leave the Cardinal exposed. The 6-foot-4, 235-pound sophomore talked about the adjustment this summer with Chris Dressel, a former NFL teammate of Luck's father, Oliver. Andrew understands he'll get hit more this year as defenses focus on him with Gerhart out of the way.

"He's looking forward to that," said Dressel, a tight end who played at Stanford with Elway.

Luck isn't looking forward to addressing questions about his NFL prospects all season. He swears he hasn't thought much beyond this fall — even if everyone else in the football universe has speculated about his future.

**If he plays as well as we expect him to play ... then he will be the highest-rated player in the draft next year.**

— Trent Dilfer  
ESPN analyst

"He'd rather sit and watch a Bundesliga game than talk about if he goes pro this year," said Oliver Luck, a former NFL quarterback and now West Virginia athletic director.

Luck's interest in the Bundesliga

— the German professional soccer league — began as a child when his father was an executive with the now-defunct NFL Europe. Andrew played soccer in Frankfurt and London where the family lived until he was 11.

Where he travels next probably will depend on how well Stanford does on the heels of playing in the Sun Bowl last New Year's Eve.

"If he plays as well as we expect him to play, and as well as Stanford needs him to play, then he will be the highest-rated player in the draft next year," said Trent Dilfer, an ESPN analyst and former 49ers quarterback.

Dilfer predicts Luck will travel far because "his lower-body mechanics are as good as anyone I've seen playing football right now. I'd put him up there with Philip Rivers, Tom Brady and Drew Brees."

Before Luck can talk about the draft he has to show NFL scouts he can handle third-down plays while facing combination zones and blitz schemes. Gerhart was "a great securi-

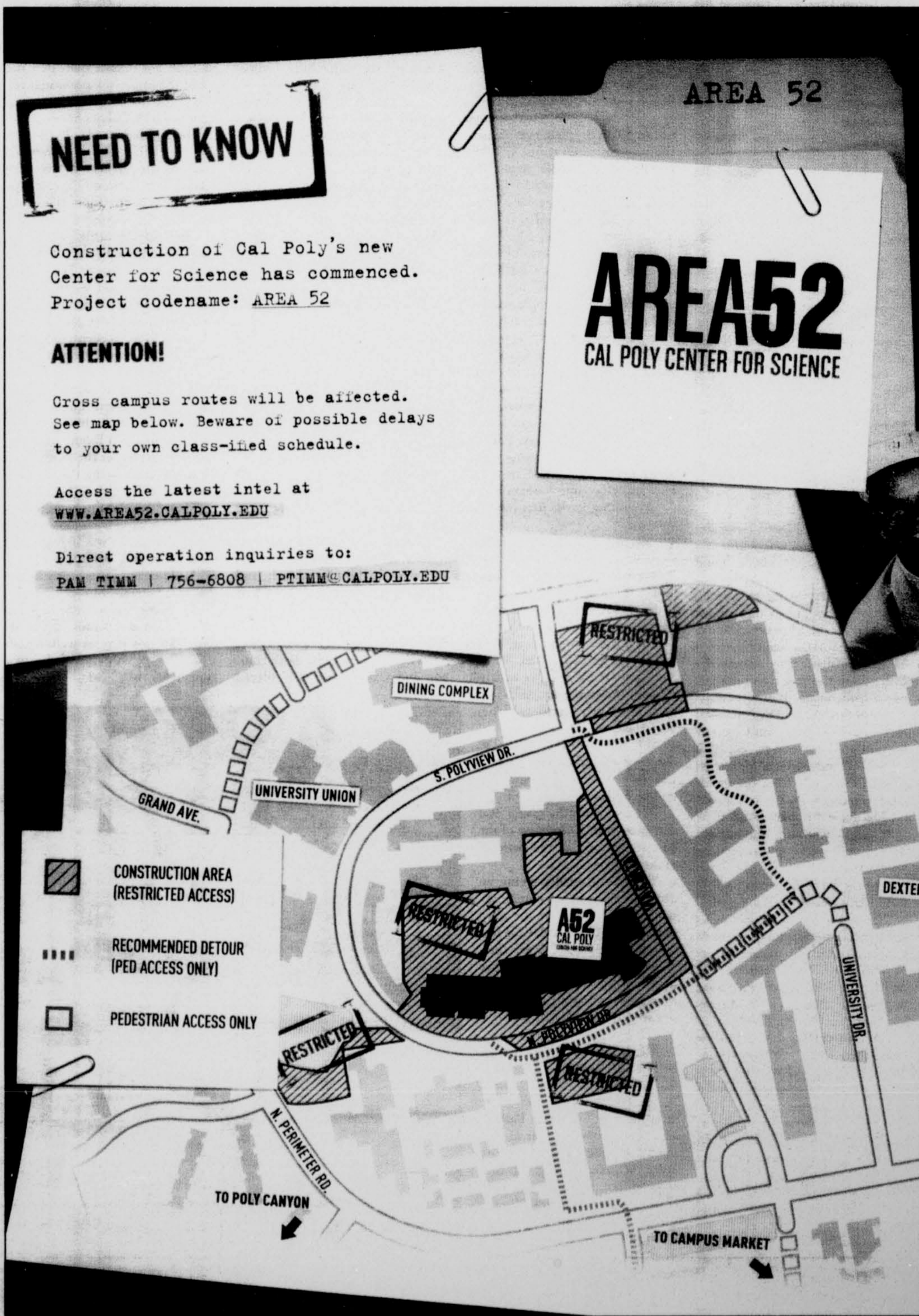
ty blanket for a young quarterback," Husak said of the Heisman runner-up's ability to keep drives alive. "It's going to come down to third-down execution."

Luck, whose sister Mary Ellen is a freshman on the Cardinal volleyball team, said he struggled last year more than fans realized.

He told his father, a star quarterback at West Virginia from 1978-81, "Half the time I was winging it."

Added Luck, "There were certain situations where I was in over my head. I was lucky to have a great team around me and Toby to bail me out."

Luck sure could have fooled everyone else. But if that's really the case, the Stanford Cardinal can't wait for the encore.





# What you need to know

## What happened in the 2009-10 season of athletics?

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The 2008-09 season set the bar high in the world of Mustang athletics.

Football took the Great West for the third time in five years, men's soccer made it to the NCAA tournament and baseball clinched the first NCAA regional berth in school history. Plus, who could forget Cal Poly football vs. Wisconsin, a game that has the potential to go down in the record books as the biggest game in Cal Poly athletics history, even if the Mustangs lost.

While there was no Regional Berth or Great West championship, there were a few games that stood out in their own right.

### Women's soccer vs. UCSB — Nov. 8, 2009

The Mustangs were seeded first going into the Big West tournament to face the Gauchos who were seeded third. And for the third time in five years, Cal Poly's season ended on penalty kicks.

"We had some odd luck," Cal Poly head coach Alex Crozier said.

Like the men's soccer "Blue-Green Rivlary," women's soccer also share a Central Coast rivalry against the Gauchos, so losing to them on penalty kicks is something that the players did not take lightly.

"They are our biggest rivals and it was at home so it was definitely a big game," junior McKenzie Orand said.

Though they did not get the win, there were great plays throughout the game by the Mustangs, including great effort by senior forward Morgan Miller, who scored her fifth goal of the season and the first of the game in the 39th minute.

"Everybody was high-fiving and everyone went crazy when we saw it again on the jumbo screen," said senior forward Monica Hemenez, who had to watch from the stands after suffering from a knee injury.

The intensity picked up after that goal, Miller said. The hits got harder, and everyone was fighting for the win.

Then at the 69th minute UCSB's Katy Roby scored the tying goal.

"Up to that point, we had had a few chances to put the game away, and just couldn't," Crozier said.

With little time left in the match, the Mustangs didn't want to give up, but it was a heartbreaking moment, Hemenez said.

"We just broke down. But we knew there were only a few minutes left so we had to push it ... It was really unfortunate," Orand said.

The match stayed at a 1-1 tie, leading to penalty kicks when Whitney Sisler missed her first shot. At this point, the Mustangs' only chance was to hope for a UCSB player to miss one or more of their shots.

"I couldn't watch at that point... We were all on the edge of our seats," Hemenez said.

But yet again penalty kicks were not kind to the Mustangs, Crozier

said, as not a UCSB player missed a shot.

"Obviously we don't want a match to be decided like that," Hemenez said.

The Mustangs will be looking for redemption when they face the Gauchos again in 2010 on Oct. 22.

### Men's soccer vs. UCSB — Nov. 8, 2009

When these two teams meet, it's never easy to predict fan conduct. Between the tortillas, plastic bottles or other random objects that seem to end up on the field, fans are usually colorful when either Cal Poly or UC Santa Barbara score. This day, however, with 9,824 fans in attendance, there were no celebrations — the game ended in a 0-0 tie after two overtimes.

Both teams came out full force, especially on defense.

"We are two of the top teams in the conference, people want to watch," Gauchos head coach, Tim Vom Steeg said.

This draw was the fourth between the two teams to reach double overtime and the third to end in a tie. As for attendance, the crowd total was the second-highest total in Cal Poly history. Four of the Top-10 NCAA history crowd totals have been tallied in a Cal Poly and UC Santa Barbara match — all coming in the past two-plus seasons.

"We love the support, it is awesome to have school support," Cal Poly senior forward David Zamora said.

Both teams missed vital opportunities to overtake the other with a few missed shots on goal and bad breaks for each squad. This included shots by Zamora narrowly missing the goal post and close saves by Santa Barbara goalie, Sam Hayden.

This game brings notoriety to the conference, something that Cal Poly coach Paul Holocher said he finds very important.

"It's a very healthy rivalry, and this game brings out some of the best soccer fans in the nation," Holocher said.

With both goalies giving an excellent effort in the match, the scoreless game became the third tie in Cal Poly versus UCSB history within the last five matches.

The draw caused the Gauchos to clinch the top seed, with the Mustangs ending the regular season seeded second.

### Men's basketball vs. UCSB — Feb. 27, 2010

The men's basketball team faced its rival UC Santa Barbara after losing in a previous matchup 57-80. Redemption was on every Mustangs' mind as they stepped foot in Mott Gym.

Despite playing a team bound for the NCAA tournament, Cal Poly came up with the win during a tough game with a final score of 60-57 — in front of 3,032 fans in attendance.

"We were so excited, and with

such a large crowd, you feed off the energy," forward David Hanson said.

When asked whether or not this game was big for Cal Poly athletics last year, head coach Joe Callero said it was, but also gave credit to all of the other teams that had big wins last year, including football and men's and women's soccer.

"It was certainly one of the biggest games of the year," he said.

At halftime the Mustangs were down by six, something Callero said he was very happy with — considering that in the first matchup earlier that season, his team was down by 20 at the break.

"I knew that if we kept it pretty tight until halftime that we had a pretty good chance to win it," Callero said.

Despite only making nine of 35 three-point shots and posting a 31.6 percent field goal shooting, the Mustangs managed to keep the game close.

"We won the hustle plays and gave 100 percent. We knew that if we kept playing hard we could win," Hanson said.

With 5.5 seconds left in the game, Hanson was fouled. This sent him to the free throw line with the scoreboard reading 58-57 in the Mustangs' favor.

Hanson sunk both of his free throws and said that it really felt good especially after missing free throws during the Riverside game a few weeks prior.

"This was an opportunity for him to redeem himself and I was so happy for him as a coach, and the team was so excited for him as well," Callero said.

After the free throws, Cal Poly held on to its win. Despite playing a less than perfect game, both Hanson and Callero said they played

with more energy and enthusiasm.

"We will take a victory any way we can get it," Callero said.

This win builds confidence for the squad, Callero said, showing that the team is capable of beating a conference favorite.

### Football vs. South Dakota State — Oct. 3, 2010

The Mustangs' football squad finished 4-7 in regular season play in 2009 but despite that, they did have a few impressive performances. One in particular was the matchup against South Dakota State.

The defensive side of the ball took control with outstanding plays by linebackers Marty Mohamed and Carlton Gillespie, and cornerback Asa Jackson to lead the team to a 21-14 win.

"The defense carried us to victory," Jackson said.

Both head coach Tim Walsh and Mohamed said it was a game they will always remember as a well-played defensive game.

"We played excellent, one of the best that we played all year," Mohamed said.

With the game deadlocked at 14-14 in the fourth quarter, Mohamed sacked Jackrabbits quarterback Thomas O'Brien, allowing Gillespie to recover the football for what ended up being the winning touchdown.

"That was one of the most memorable experiences for me, especially because I was so happy for (Gillespie); he's definitely one of my buddies and I was happy he got that touchdown," Mohamed said.

The game was a battle between two very good defenses, as the offense did not play as well, Walsh said. The defense made the win happen for the squad.

"We were playing a difficult schedule and we couldn't afford to lose, and the defense really stepped up," he said.

Offensively, Cal Poly quarterback Tony Smith connected on 13 of 24 passes for 131 yards with one interception. As for the Jackrabbits, O'Brien — who entered the game after starting quarterback Ryan Crawford was injured — completed 13 of 22 passes for 98 yards and was intercepted by both Jackson and cornerback Scottie Cordier.

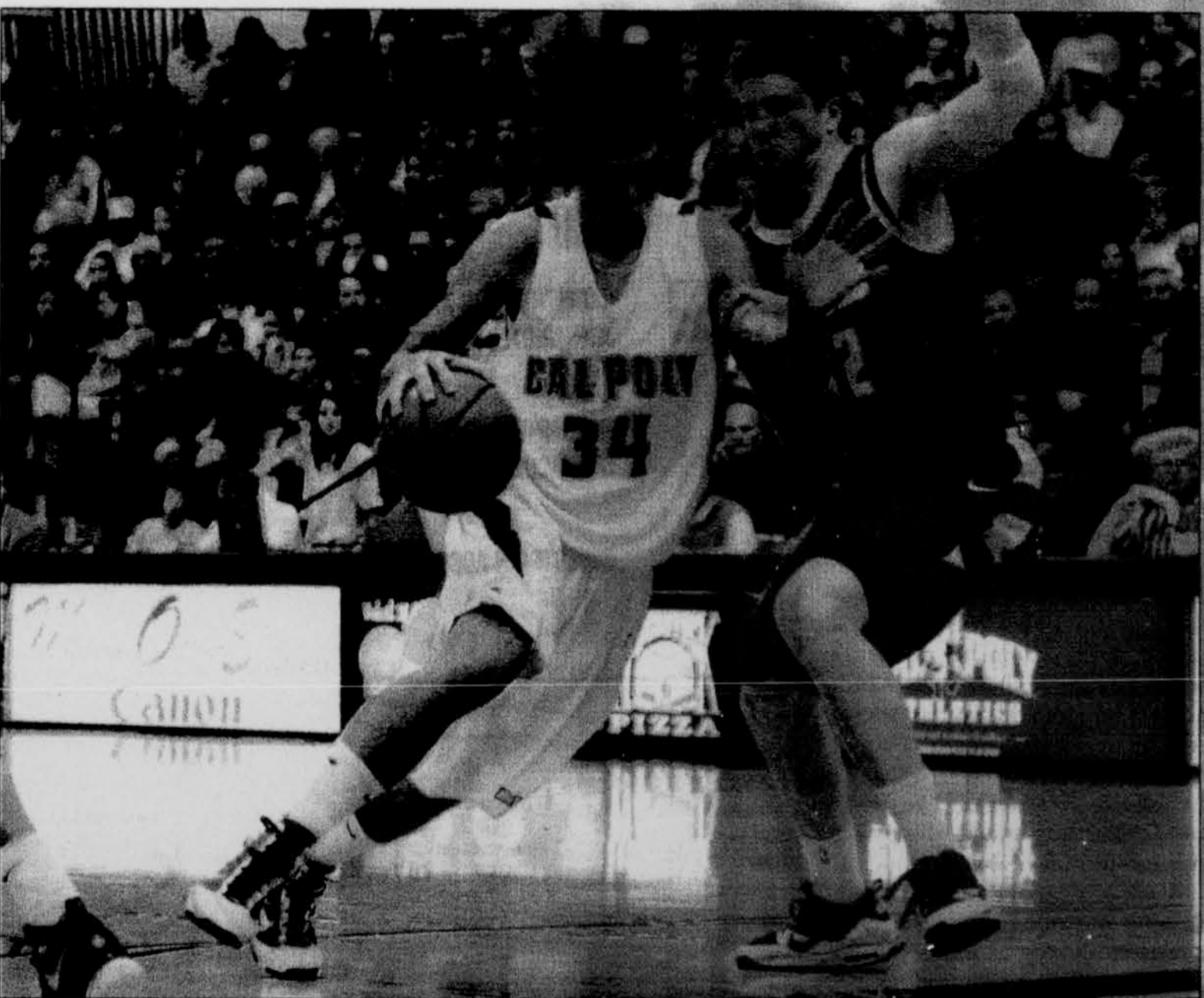
Walsh said that although the offense did not have their best performance, they still did their part. It just happened to be a great day to be a defensive player for the Mustangs.

"If we would have played the way we played (during this game) all year, we would have had a much better record," Walsh said.

However, despite a great showing against the Jackrabbits, the Mustangs could not come up with the wins needed during the rest of the season, especially on the road. But Walsh said he believes the amount of depth was the biggest issue, blaming the physical nature of the game on why they could not play the same way they played against South Dakota State in every game.

Jackson and Mohamed both said winning that game was a great confidence boost for going into the 2010 season. Yet Coach Walsh said he viewed it as purely a learning experience but does not expect it to affect the team when they play the Jackrabbits again this upcoming season.

"What you did last year is what you did last year. We are looking forward to a better season this year," Walsh said.



Forward David Hanson helped his team with 11 points on their way to beating NCAA tournament-bound UCSB.

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## Mustangs to watch



### Volleyball

#### Middle Blocker: Dominique Olowalafe

Middle blocker Dominique Olowalafe could have very well been the face of the volleyball program for the past couple of years. As a freshman, she busted on the scene — nabbing a spot on the Big West All-Freshman team after finishing seventh in the Big West with 1.23 blocks per set and ninth with a .287 hitting percentage. In her sophomore season, Olowalafe was crowned All-Big West first team honors, after ranking fourth in the Big West with 1.11 blocks per set and fifth with a .305 hitting percentage, while also tallying a blocking average ranked 63rd in Division-I. In her junior season she kept the accolades rolling, nabbing an All-Big West Conference first-team honors last season. Olowalafe hit a Big West-best .346 while adding 2.35 kills and 0.68 blocks per set. Don't expect those numbers to decline in 2010.

### Football

#### Quarterback: Andre Broadous and Tony Smith

Injuries in the offseason watered down the position battle between these two players in fall camp. With Smith (left, 7) the starter a year ago, many fans thought the electric Broadous (left, 3) would be a better fit for Cal Poly's triple-option offense. Broadous gained 6,000 yards of total offense at Grant High School in 2006 and 2007 and has had the word 'potential' wrapped around him ever since he stepped foot on campus.

As for Smith, the Utah transfer passed for 1,618 yards last season and led the Mustangs to a 4-7 record.

The injuries may end up forcing one quarterback to start the season by default, but don't expect — who ever ends up being tagged first on the depth chart — to be set on stone.

#### Linebacker: Marty Mohamed

When opponents decide to run the ball against the Mustangs they will be greeted by a very experienced defensive front. If they break through, linebacker Marty Mohamed (right, 17) will be there to greet them. As a junior last season, Mohamed tallied 98 tackles and said — after a film session — that number could, and maybe should, have been much higher. If the linebacker grooms what he sees as flaws in his game, expect him to be a force for the Mustangs in 2010.

#### Cornerback: Asa Jackson

Ever since Asa Jackson became one of the few true freshman to start in his first year at Cal Poly, he has been a play maker. With being dubbed preseason Defensive Player of the Year, don't expect small numbers posted by one of the Mustangs' defensive gems.



### Women's soccer

#### Carrie Andrews

From the minute goalkeeper Coral Hoover graduated from the program, defensively, the Mustangs had a hill to climb. In transition from last year's Big West Goalkeeper of the Year, Carrie Andrews may ease the process. While she is no goalie, Andrews was named Big West Defensive Player of the Year and All-Big West First Team in 2008.

### Men's soccer

#### David Zamora

Look for David Zamora, selected to his third-straight All-Big West selection a season ago, try to help the Mustangs rebound to where they were in 2008.

## Games to watch

### Football vs. Fresno State Oct. 2

This may be one of the most anticipated matchups in recent years for the Cal Poly football team. Not including last season, Cal Poly has played well against FBS opponents. In 2008, the Mustangs upset San Diego State and came two points from defeating Wisconsin — a preseason Top-25 team.

Although the two teams have yet to duke it out in the football field in recent years the two programs have forever been intertwined when Fresno State defeated Bowling Green in the "Mercy Bowl" — a bowl game put together in memory of 16 Cal Poly football players killed in the 1960 plane crash.

And with rumors circulating that Cal Poly is reportedly interested in moving up into the FCS, a win against a potential Top-25 team in 2010 could definitely increase Cal Poly's stock as a program.

### Men's soccer vs. UCSB Oct. 27

There is no question that this is always the one game circled on Mustang soccer fan's calendars.

Year after year, these two teams pack stadiums and cause collegiate chaos in the stands. Fights, cheers, tortillas, random flying projectiles, it's never easy to predict what you will see when these two teams meet.

Last season, the two teams tied in Alex G. Spanos Stadium, and you can bet that both teams aren't going to be looking for the same result this year.

In the last two matches more than 9,000 fans punched tickets, and in 2008 fans set the record for stadium attendance with 11,075 present.

If you are looking for a flat-out adrenaline rush and you love being around screaming college students, this game is for you.

### Football vs. UC Davis Nov. 13

This is a game circled on the football calendar for two reasons.

First, Cal Poly will be looking to snatch back the "Golden Horseshoe" from its in-state rival — who beat the Mustangs 23-10 last season.

Second, the contest against the Aggies marks the final game of the season for the Mustangs — and with the Aggies the preseason favorite to win the conference, and the Mustangs picked to finish second, this game could very well decide who wins the Big West, and moves into the playoffs.

Sprinkle on the fact that Cal Poly will be looking to rebound from one of its worst records on paper, and it adds up to a huge match up at the end of the season.

### Women's soccer vs. UCSB Oct. 29

The tension between Cal Poly and UC Santa Barbara women's soccer has grown immensely since Cal Poly was eliminated from the Big West conference tournament last season.

Cal Poly lost to the Gauchos on penalty kicks after a tough game, with many unlucky breaks for the squad.

This year, however, the Mustangs hope to utilize the talented incoming freshman class as well as the many returning players from last year's squad. Also with the loss of Goalkeeper of the Year, Coral Hoover, the Mustangs will be looking for someone to fill those shoes.

With both teams coming into the season ready to take the top spot in the conference, the Mustangs and Gauchos know that one must prevail in order to receive the title.

### Women's volleyball vs. UC Irvine Oct. 23

Cal Poly women's volleyball has a packed schedule where it face eight teams who clinched berths into the NCAA tournament last year. This makes almost any match an exciting one. But even the players agree that the Oct. 23 match versus UC Irvine will be one to watch.

Cal Poly went 9-20 overall and 5-11 in the Big West conference a season ago. Despite the numbers, last year was deemed successful by a few of the players saying it was due to having such a young squad.

With five starters returning, the Mustangs — who lost to the Anteaters in both meetings last year — hope to come out with a much better record and also with a win against UC Irvine on their home court.



## Top football games: the good, the bad and the heartwrenching

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Since its first game in 1915, the Cal Poly Mustang football team has had its ups and downs. The team has smashed challengers at home, been victorious in last-second plays and been doubted, mocked and then praised. These are our picks of the top five football games of the past few years, both good and bad.

### 5. The Triple Win

Cal Poly vs. UC Davis, Nov. 16, 2008 at Alex G. Spanos Stadium

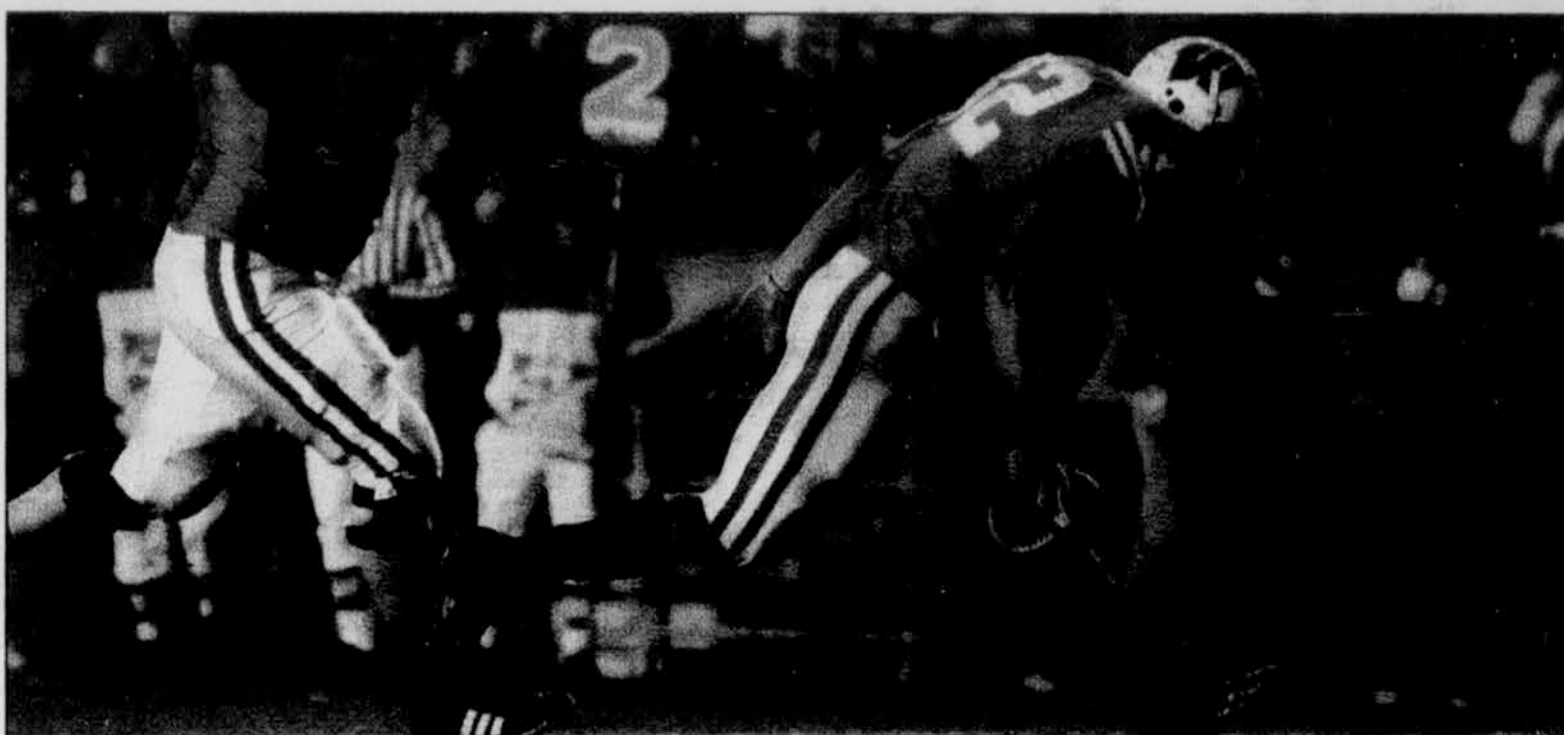
While beating the Aggies 51-28 is certainly something to boast about, the reason this game has become so memorable is because not only did

the Mustangs win the annual Golden Horseshoe Classic and defeat the Aggies at home for the first time in 12 years, but it was also the team's third Great West Conference championship title.

"It was exciting to beat UC Davis at home," senior strong safety David Fullerton said. "Our goal was to win the conference title and we checked it off because we did it."

Offensively, the Mustangs had 522 total yards to the Aggies' 427, and quarterback Jonathan Dally rushed for 173 yards. Defensively, the team scored big. Cornerback Asa Jackson had seven tackles and linebacker Carlton Gillespie and defensive end Ryan Shorwell each earned a sack. In the final score of the game,

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Just after Ramses Barden put the Mustangs up a touchdown in OT against the Badgers, placekicker Andrew Gardner continued to struggle, missing his third extra point. With the momentum, running back John Clay rushed for a six-yard touchdown to tie the game. The ensuing point-after crushed the chance of the dreamy upset and sent Cal Poly home losers, 36-35.

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Fullerton intercepted a thrown-away pass for a 38-yard touchdown by the Davis quarterback who tried to

elude a sack. The interception was his fourth of the season.

"It was a real defensive play. I was in the right spot at the right time," Fullerton said.

What makes the game so memorable for Fullerton, however, was not

the interception, but seeing the fans in the stands singing the fight song and winning his first conference title with the Mustangs.

"We were going crazy," he said.

"It felt good to hoist the trophy up. It was a team effort throughout the

entire game."

### 4. The Heartbreaker

Cal Poly vs. Montana. Sept. 6, 2008 at Alex G. Spanos Stadium

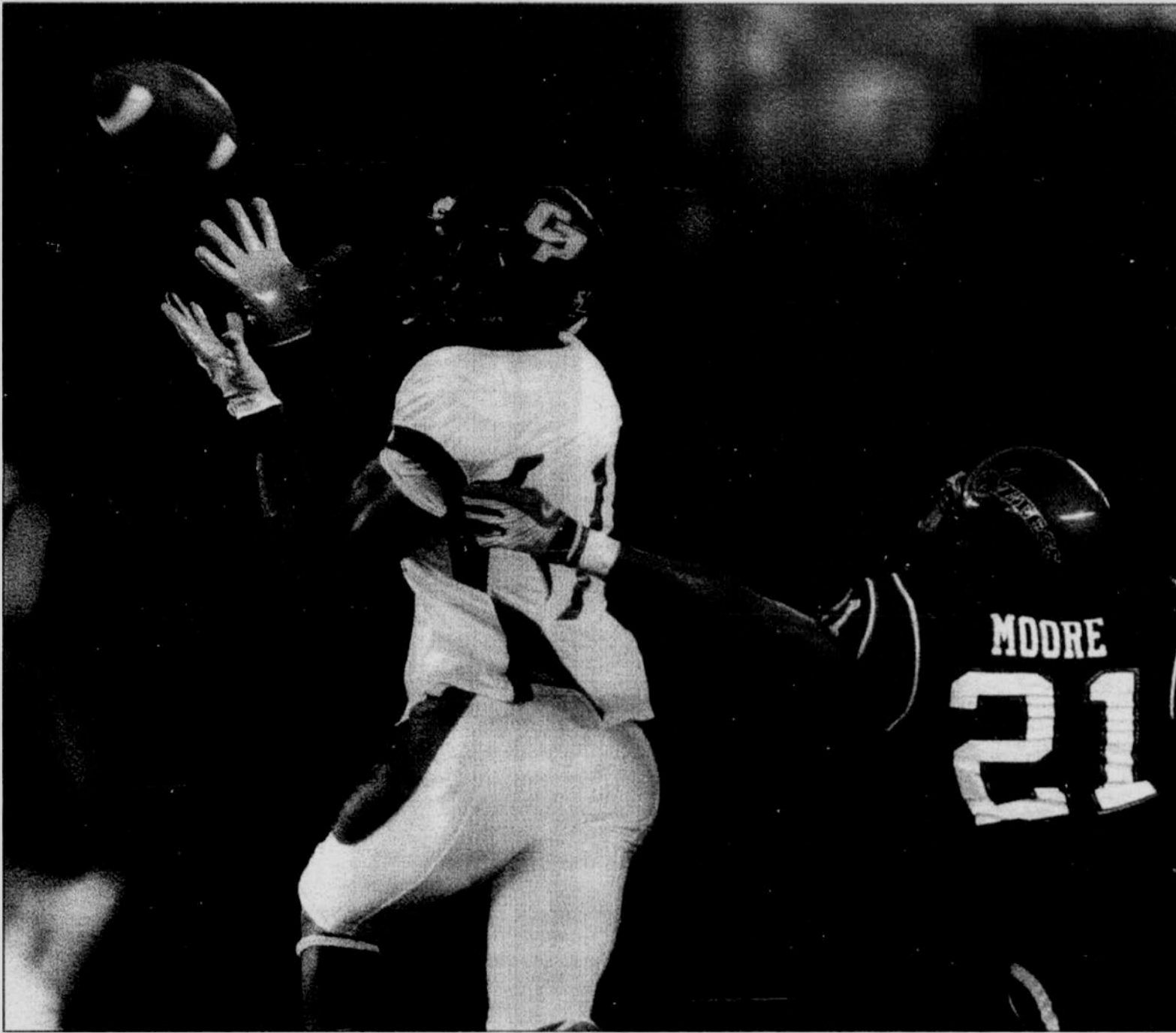
Coming off a great upset against San Diego State a week prior, the Mustangs were ready to deliver against the Grizzlies. But when placekicker Andrew Gardner missed a 27-yard last-minute field goal that could have clinched it, the Mustangs lost to Montana 30-28 in front of approximately 10,000 fans. Former quarterback Jonathan Dally doesn't think it's fair to pin the game on Gardner.

"After it happened it was like 'did

that just happen? Did we just lose?' (But) we were all kind of shocked by our performance," he said. "We knew where we messed up (but) we had to be mature about it and come back next week and start our season over."

Even though this game is most memorable for the missed kick with seconds remaining, other members of the team struggled as well. Fullerton (who had inherited punting duties that year), had his first punt blocked seconds into the first quarter at about the 34-yard line only to see it turned into a touchdown by an untouched Montana wide receiver.

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Wide receiver Ramses Barden caught seven passes for 161 yards and a touchdown in the Mustangs upset against SDSU.

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Dally struggled as well in the fourth quarter when he was tackled and ultimately fumbled the ball at the Cal Poly 3-yard line, resulting in a safety for Montana and a touchdown three minutes later.

But the game wasn't all bad for the Mustangs. Dally managed to split the defense for a touchdown pass to se-

nior wide receiver Ramses Barden at the 20-yard line in the first and again for a touchdown pass in the second. He also completed 16 of 23 passes and aided Barden in breaking the Cal Poly touchdown record with 35. Defensive ends Ryan Shotwell and Sean Lawyer also had a great game. Shotwell had a season-high seven tackles and not only was Lawyer named the Great West Defensive Player of the Week (a rarity considering his team had just lost), but he also recorded

2.5 sacks and 11 tackles.

"Sean Lawyer is a beast," Fullerton said with laughter. "He's probably one of the best D-liners we've ever had."

In spite of the longstanding rivalry with Montana, Fullerton can still acknowledge a good team when he sees one and didn't let the 2008 loss affect the rest of the season.

"To be where you want to be in AA football, you gotta go through Montana," he said.

## 3. The Aztec Upset

Cal Poly vs. San Diego State Aug. 30, 2008 at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, Calif.

In the opening game of the 2008

season, the Mustang football team beat the San Diego Aztecs with a last-second 21-yard field goal by Gardner to end the game 29-27. The game was a surprising upset, because the Football Bowl Subdivision Aztecs were heavily favored. Dally said winning the game at Qualcomm Stadium with a last-second field goal

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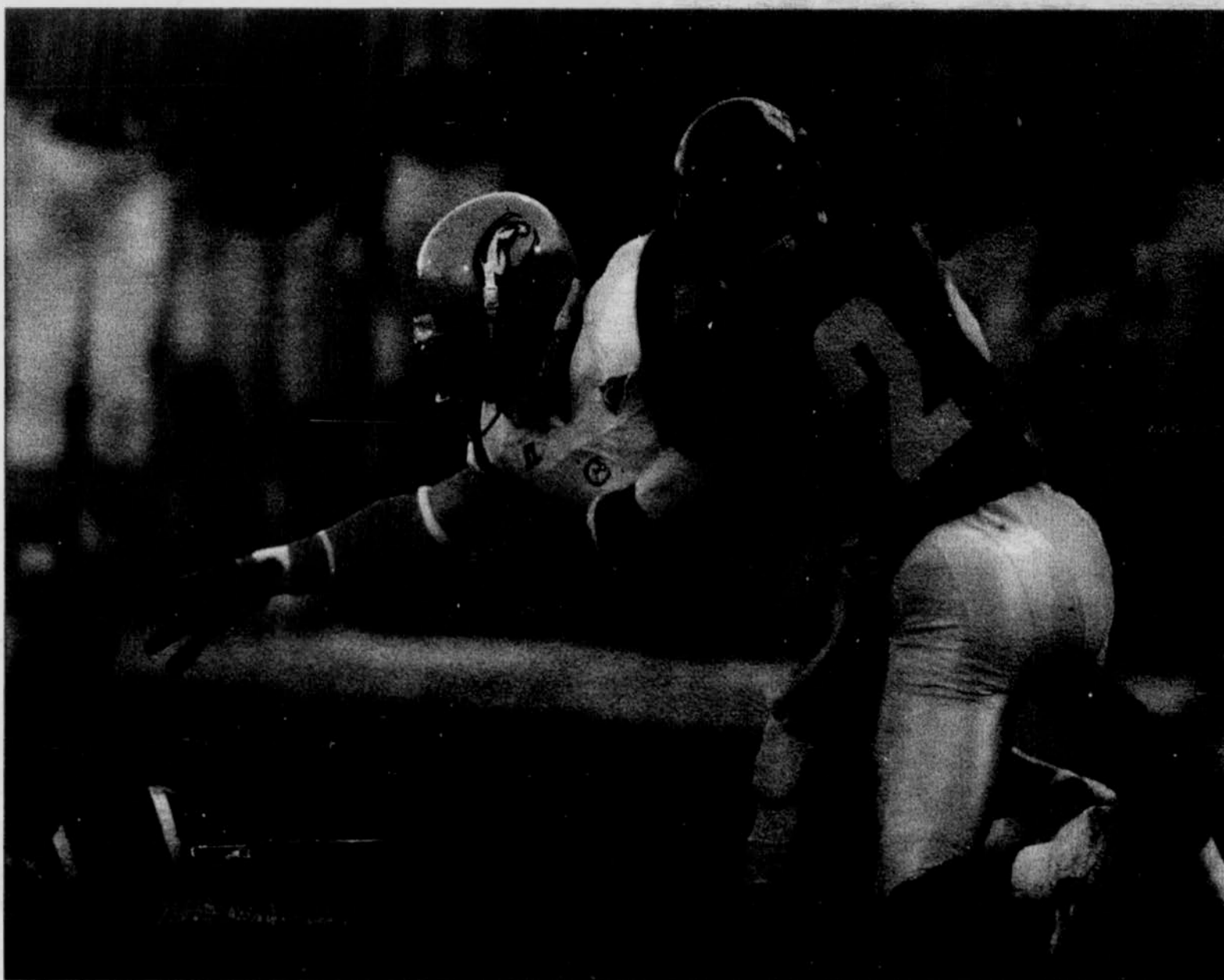
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Cornerback Asa Jackson tallied a team-high seven tackles in "The Triple Win" against UC Davis on Nov. 16, 2008.

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seemed straight out of a movie.

"You look up and you're surrounded by bleachers and whether they're filled or not, it's kind of overwhelming," he said. "It brings that energy like 'Alright, we gotta show the world we can play on this stage.' It was definitely where we felt like we wanted to be."

Capitalizing on four turnovers by the Aztecs in the first half alone, the Mustangs were able to take an early 16-7 lead by accumulating 101 yards on the ground. With a forced fumble caused by defensive lineman James Chen, linebacker Carlton Gillespie was able to recover, and Cal Poly scored again four plays later when Ryan Mole ran the ball in for the touchdown. In fact, it wasn't until the second quarter that the Aztecs even made it onto the scoreboard and they never led until 6:51 left in the game when they scored a five-yard rushing touchdown. They failed to gain the extra point with a two-point conversion, leaving them with a mere one-point lead. The Mustangs were able to set up the field goal by a 33-yard drive to the Aztec 4-yard line with completion passes to Barden.

"It was a really exciting game," Gillespie said. "It was the first game of the season so it kind of had to set the tone."

While the Aztecs led the Mustangs in number of downs (21-23), the Mustangs dominated in total yards with 483 to San Diego's 379. The Mustang held the ball 16 minutes longer than the Aztecs. Defensively, the Cal Poly football team came out on top as well. Leading the team in tackles, linebacker Fred Hives II had 10 with fellow linebacker Marty Mohamed trailing closely behind with eight. In addition to his forced fumble, Chen (who was out most of the 2007 season due to an injury) also recorded a sack and a fumble recovery.

### 2. The Comeback Kids

Cal Poly vs. Montana Nov. 26, 2005 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula, MT

Still feeling the pain from a 36-27 loss to the Grizzlies in the regular season, the Mustangs faced Montana again in the first round of playoffs and beat them for the first time in 11 years in a 35-21 upset. Former linebacker and 2006 Buck Buchanan award winner Kyle Shotwell (now a defensive assistant coach for the Mustangs), said the team knew they were the underdogs going into the game.

"(The game) was a big deal because it was the playoffs and we hadn't beaten Montana before," he said. "It was a cold-weather game and a lot of people didn't think we could win because we were California kids and we went out there and put it to them. We came in really strong and we didn't let off the gas."

Defensively, the Mustangs put up a fight. Recording seven sacks as a unit, 2005 Buck Buchanan award winner Chris Gocong put up three, and safety Kenny Chicoine made one pick. Offensively, the team did just as well by leading the Grizzlies in possession 38:44 to 21:16 and by almost doubling the Montana's total yards in the game (423-261). Running back James Noble also had a great game with 41 carries for 188 yards and four touchdowns. Shotwell said that going into the game, the team was prepared partly because they had already faced

them.

"We had them figured out. We knew who they were and how they were going to attack us," he said, "and we were able to play really well."

But for Shotwell, it's not any specific play, tackle or sack made by one of his teammates that he remembers the most. In fact, for him, the most memorable aspect of that game is what happened after they won.

"I remember just at the end of the game celebrating with the team and singing our fight song in front of the fans," he said. "It was definitely an awesome experience. That is one of my fondest memories from college, no doubt."

### 1. R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Cal Poly vs. Wisconsin Nov. 22, 2008 at Camp Randall Stadium, Madison, Wisc.

For placekicker Andrew Gardner, history seemed doomed to repeat itself barely two and a half months after his devastating missed kick against Montana. Having already missed two in the game, Gardner's third missed extra point following Barden's touchdown in overtime, resulting in the Mustangs' first on-the-road loss of the season with the Badgers winning 36-35. Gardner received extreme scrutiny after the loss, and Dally said Gardner put a lot of that harsh critique on himself.

"No matter what, he's going to be his biggest critic. From the team environment, it was unfair how people were coming down on him. It's kind of sad that he let that get to him and stopped playing collegiate football," Dally said. "We didn't console him as a team, which kind of broke his spirit but at the time we had to kind of move on. We had to show him through our work ethic that it was time to step up and do our job. You're kind of more concerned for him as a person than a player."

Battling a physically bigger team, Cal Poly jumped onto the scoreboard in the first 21 minutes of the game with a 13-0 lead over the Badgers. The initial touchdown came from a forced fumble by cornerback Asa Jackson, allowing the team to gain 60 yards in 11 plays. The game was a see-saw battle until Wisconsin forced the game into overtime with a last-minute 3-yard touchdown run by running back P.J. Hill. In total, the Mustangs had possession of the ball for almost 40 minutes, scored 35 points against a team that generally allows no more than 26 and gained 95 yards thanks to passing and 276 yards on the ground.

Despite the 32-degree weather and 10-mph winds, the Mustangs still managed to pull out a well-played game against a team that many expected to trample them. A FBS team, the Badgers never led in the game until they finally won in overtime and were actually mocked by a Big Ten Network analyst for over-celebrating. The analyst compared the team's excitement to beating Ohio State in order to get into the Rose Bowl, not beating a Football Championship Subdivision team that students and the media expected to get destroyed.

"In actuality, we were the better team that day. We were playing harder, we controlled the game and gave ourselves every opportunity to win," Dally said. "After that game, we were so distraught that we couldn't pick

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## sports

### Games

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ourselves up after the first round. It was so emotionally draining that yeah we played good, but it wasn't enough."

In the weeks preceding the game, the Madison newspaper, The Capital Times, ran numerous articles bashing the Mustangs, mocking Cal Poly's reputation as a high-ranking engineering school.

who praised the team's offense, teamwork and execution.

"Your coach, your team ... should forever remember that game as an outstanding display of college football," Douglas Alexander wrote. "You should have won that game. Congratulations to you. You have a fan in Wisconsin."

Dally said being positively acknowledged by Wisconsin fans and the media was exactly what the team had set out to prove.

"We wanted to prove to the fans,

**Your coach, your team ... should forever remember that game as an outstanding display of college football**

— Douglas Alexander  
Wisconsin resident

What makes this game so significant in Mustang history is not Gardner's missed field goal (except for some who can't seem to let it go), but rather that it showed the nation what our football team is capable of. We're labeled as a FCS football team, yet we were able to give a FBS team a run for their money and gain the respect of fans and residents of the Wisconsin area. Following the loss, the Mustang Daily editor received an e-mail from a Wisconsin resident

to the media, that a prestigious Big Ten team isn't as big as they think it is. Toward the end of the season when you can play as a team, the level of competition isn't as big as they perceive it," he said. "We felt like we should have won that game, and to prove some people wrong in the process was exactly what we wanted to prove."

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## Blue-Green

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for a league championship," Vom Steeg said.

However, Holocher also stresses

that the fact the team has other rivals in the conference who fight for first place — including UCLA on Sept. 17.

That being said, it is difficult to downplay the importance of the "Blue-Green Rivalry" and its impact on Big West soccer.

"I try to downplay this game a little bit, not because I don't think it's important — I want my team to embrace every game like a rivalry game," Vom Steeg said.

Holocher encourages the rivalry with his team and the fans, stating that

it is very healthy for his players and for the sport.

"It's very healthy, and brings a sense of pride to the school," Holocher said.

With the amount of fan support the rivalry has received, the players cannot help but be eager to play UCSB, espe-

cially on its home field.

"Most of the guys in the locker room are excited to show the students what we are capable of and get a W for the school," Zamora said.

This October, we will see who comes out on top.

## Gocong

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"I was sitting there (on draft day) trying to watch the TV — trying not to think about it — and my name pops up on the screen ... My family was going crazy and then kind of settled down," Gocong said. "You know, I didn't even see what team picked me."

On draft day, Gocong was selected in the third round by the Phila-

delphia Eagles.

been done before; Gocong had history on his side. Former New England Patriots linebacker Teddy Bruschi underwent the same change when he was drafted out of Arizona. As a two-time first-team All-American defensive end for the Wildcats, Bruschi was drafted by the Patriots to play linebacker. After seeing limited playing time early in his career, he later played a key role in New England's three championships in four years — on his way to becoming one of the most dominant

couple of years (in Philadelphia) because, you know, I think of it as my job," Gocong said. "I mean, I play football as my job, and then I go home. I really didn't realize the first couple of years why people wanted to get autographs from me. We are just like anybody else."

Even if he has achieved what most only dream about, no matter what jersey he is wearing, he will never forget who Cal Poly raised him to be. At Cal Poly, he was groomed to be a dominant defensive end, but Ellerson taught Gocong to display his dominance the right way.

"We would go to schools, meet with kids — and it was amazing. We are a bunch of 18 to 19 year-old football players and they are looking up to us like we are Donovan McNabb or something like that," Gocong said. "It was cool just seeing that and realizing how valuable it is for little kids to see role models like that. I think (playing at Cal Poly) did teach me being a football player — or whatever your area of expertise — people do look up to you and you really can make a difference in their lives."

With lessons from Cal Poly in his

back pocket, on Sept. 12, Gocong started another season with a week one match up against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He will be vying for a chance to prove himself with a new team. But for Gocong, the game will be simplified. He won't be distracted by the crowd noise in Raymond James Stadium; he'll focus on the task at hand.

It's a familiar feeling.

"It's just like playing high school football again," Gocong said.

This article was originally published June 1 and June 2, 2010.

**Being drafted, if you really step back and think about it, it's really, really exciting, and at the same time, it's really, really scary.**

— Chris Gocong  
Cleveland Browns linebacker

delphia Eagles.

"Being drafted, if you really step back and think of it, it's really, really exciting, and at the same time it's really, really scary," Gocong said. "You have no idea where you're going to go; it's this huge job interview and basically you have no idea where your future is going to be."

Although the Eagles did draft Gocong, they did not draft him to be a defensive end. At his stature, he was a good size collegiate defensive lineman, but in the pros, it was a different story.

"(Eagles defensive coordinator) Jim Johnson drafted me, and his whole idea was to convert me to strong-side linebacker," Gocong said. "I was excited ... I know it's a complicated defense, but I'm up to it ... It's just such different thinking being linebacker."

Some scouts doubted he could do it, and in turn, his draft stock plummeted. But the position switch had

linebackers in NFL history.

"That was, I think, the difference between Chris Gocong being a third-round pick rather than being a first- or second-round pick," Ellerson said. "It was uncertain whether or not someone was going to be able to stand up and move into that second row and pick it up."

With three years — starting in what is arguably the most complex defense in the NFL — as an outside linebacker for the Philadelphia Eagles, it is safe to say he picked up the position well. Gocong, who was just traded this offseason to the Cleveland Browns, has tallied 129 total tackles and four sacks in his four-year stint as a professional.

Even though he has traveled the nation and recorded sacks against quarterbacks like Tom Brady, he hasn't been blinded by the lights. Gocong has kept his relationship with football professional.

"I really didn't get it the first

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## sports

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Thousands of fans are expected to fill Alex G. Spanos Stadium to watch the Cal Poly men's soccer team take on UCSB on Oct. 10. The "Blue-Green Rivalry" is in full effect for the upcoming season.

The rivalry first erupted in 2007 when coach Paul Holocher was in his second year coaching at Cal Poly.

"After Paul got hired, and Cal Poly went Division-I, (the rivalry) stepped up," UCSB coach Tim Vom Steeg said.

The Cal Poly program was developing into a strong force in the Big West. Meanwhile, UCSB was coming off a 2006 Big West Championship and was looking to continue its success.

On 2007's "Break the Attendance Record Night" the Mustangs beat the

throw tortillas and even bottles onto the field to distract and intimidate the opposing squad.

"There is a Santa Barbara rivalry in all sports. (The fans) know the importance of the game when we are playing them," Holocher said.

The players know the importance of the October game as well.

Senior forward David Zamora said this game is always bigger than the rest.

"I try to approach each and every game the same way, but when I step on the field (to play UCSB) it is totally different because there are so many people there," Zamora said.

Cal Poly has topped the charts with most fans in attendance and has some of the highest attendance for soccer matches nationwide.

"We have some of the best soccer fans in the nation. They are passionate

**We have some of the best soccer fans in the nation. They are passionate about the team and it makes a huge difference.**

— Paul Holocher  
 Men's soccer head coach

defending champs 2-1. The next year, UCSB and Cal Poly met again for a televised match in front of 11,075 fans; this time UCSB came out ahead beating the Mustangs 1-0 in overtime.

"Since then it's been a battle for the Central Coast," Holocher said.

This battle does not seem to be coming to a close any time soon, as each game becomes more and more heated. So heated in fact, that fans have taken it amongst themselves to

about the team and it makes a huge difference," Holocher said.

The amount of support for college soccer has boomed between the two schools since the rivalry began and is expected by both sides to continue for years to come.

"I don't anticipate us dropping off any time soon. There will potentially be a situation where we play Cal Poly

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## sports

### Fresno State Bulldogs ready to throw football deep

**Bryant-Jon Anteola**  
THE FRESNO BEE

Among the first plays during Saturday's Fresno State football scrimmage was a deep ball.

That the pass from quarterback Ryan Colburn to Devon Wylie bounced off the receiver's chest for an incompletion isn't important.

What was remarkable was that

got some guys that can really throw the deep ball. That's always the combination you need."

Leading the Bulldogs' offensive transition from a run-oriented team to a more downfield-passing attack is Colburn, who thoroughly impressed Hill with his accuracy and arm strength after the coach watched film of the scrimmage Sunday morning. He saw Colburn complete 7 of

**"We're going to play to the strength of our team ... We've got a lot of speed and a lot of skill."**

— Jeff Grady  
Fresno State assistant coach

the deep-ball passing continued on occasion all night with different quarterback-receiver combinations.

The Bulldogs appear set to use the deep ball on a regular basis — perhaps more so this year than last.

Coach Pat Hill stated this month that the passing game might be the "lead hand" to the offense this season.

And if the first 10 days of fall camp are an indication of what's in store during the regular season, the notion that the Bulldogs plan to pass more and throw regularly downfield isn't just talk.

"We definitely have a long-ball threat," Hill said. "We've got some speed on the perimeter and we've

11 passes for 129 yards, including a 40-yard touchdown strike to Wylie.

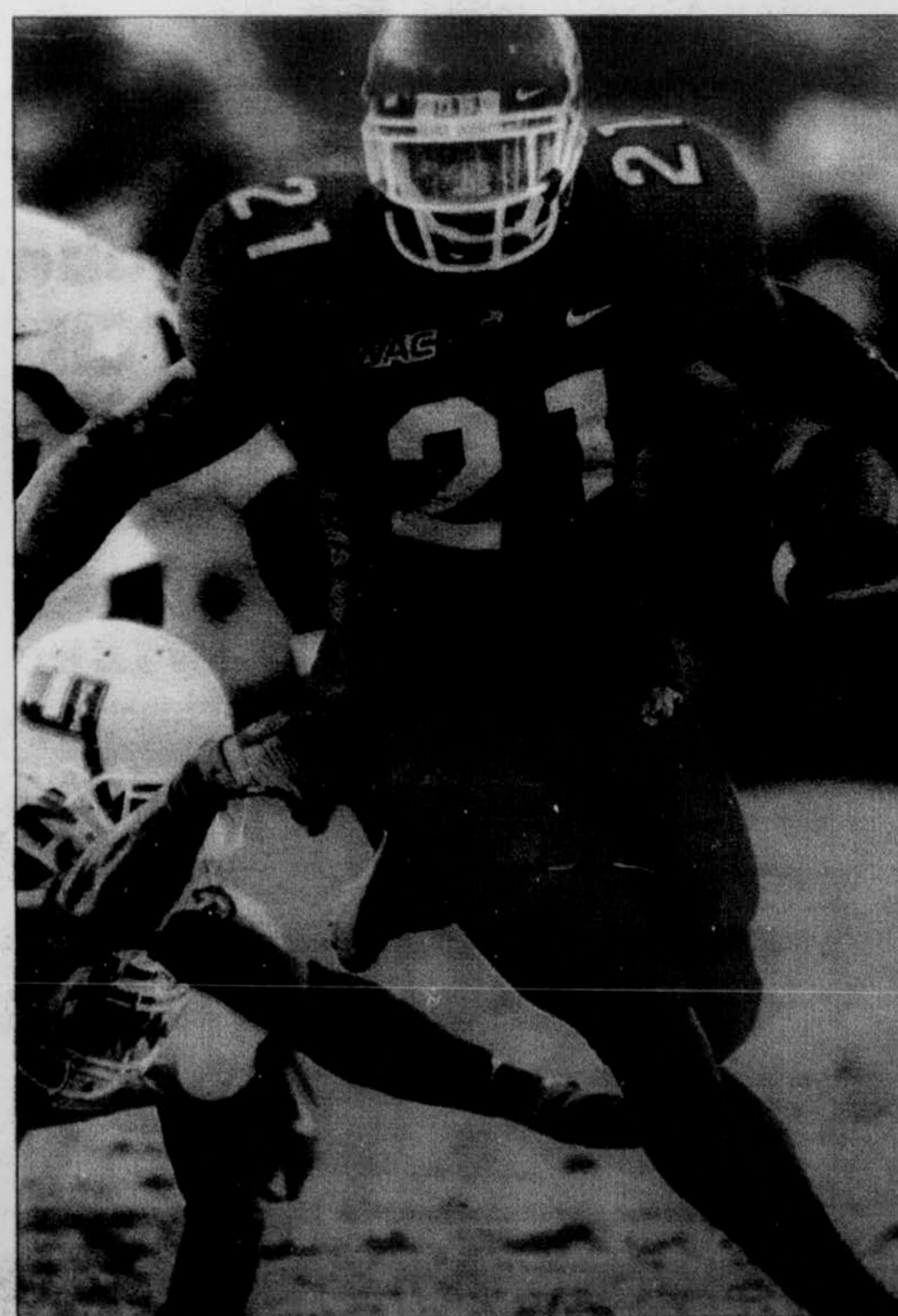
"Those were NFL throws he made," Hill said. "He can attack all parts of a field."

The strength of second-year backup quarterback Derek Carr also rests in his ability to throw the deep ball with precision, as seen Saturday when he completed 9 of 17 passes for 121 yards.

On several occasions in the off-season, Hill hinted that the Bulldogs are gearing themselves to become more of a downfield striking team in the future as Carr develops.

The pressing question now: How much will the Bulldogs air it out this season?

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MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

When Fresno State lines up against Cal Poly on Oct. 2, the Bulldogs will be without Ryan Mathews — a running back who tallied 1,808 yards last season.





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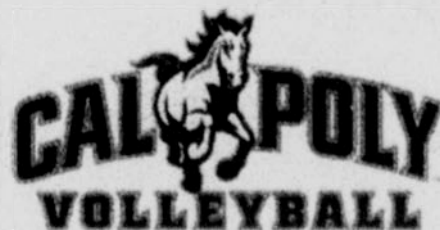


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# Women's soccer gears for tough regular season schedule

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The Cal Poly women's soccer team released its 2010 regular season schedule. Nineteen matches are slated, including games against San Diego State, Arizona and San Jose State, as well as exhibition contests against Azusa Pacific and Westmont College.

The most noteworthy contest took place in Alex G. Spanos Stadium against the defending national champions on Sept. 10 — the North

Carolina Tar Heels.

The Tar Heels finished last season with an overall mark of 23-3-1 and a conference record of 7-3. They won their 21st national championship last year, defeating top-ranked Stanford 1-0 in the championship game, and finished atop the ACC for the 20th time in the last 22 years.

But seven of the players from last year's championship team, who started in the NCAA title game in 2009, will not be on the roster come opening weekend.

"The thought of beating them is

amazing," junior forward Monica Hemenez said. "We respect them, but that's it ... we have a chance to beat them."

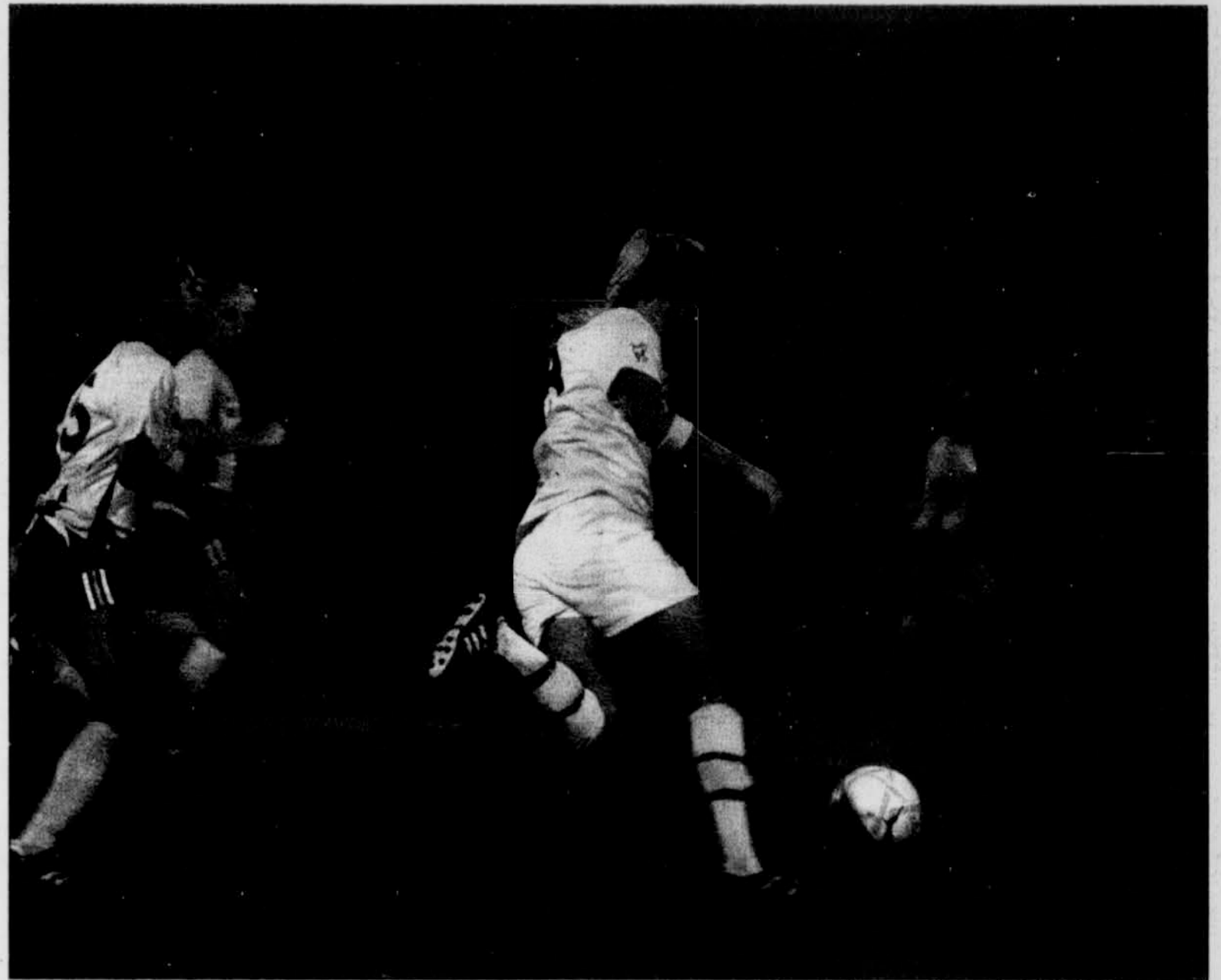
The Mustangs are trying to rebound from a loss in last year's Big

West Conference Tournament, falling to rival UC Santa Barbara in last year's championship game. Cal Poly went (14-5-1, 7-1-0 Big West) and sent six players to all-conference teams last season.

To this point head coach Alex Crozier said none of that has rubbed off onto his expectations for next year.

"Our main focus right now is find-

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RYAN SIDARTO MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly women's soccer team went (14-5-1, 7-1-0 Big West) and sent six players to all-conference teams last season.

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## Singletary uncertain of backup quarterbacks

Phil Barber

THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

When Mike Singletary confronted the media Monday, he was asked if he felt comfortable with his backup quarterbacks. As is often the case, the coach gave reporters more than they expected.

"I'll put it this way," Singletary said. "I feel good about Alex Smith."

"I feel very good about where he's at. I think we have to do a great job of protecting our starting quarterback. When it comes to David Carr, I think David Carr is a guy that I could grow to feel comfortable with. I think he's a guy that has a good command of the offense. I think he understands, I just think that he's still thinking a lot."

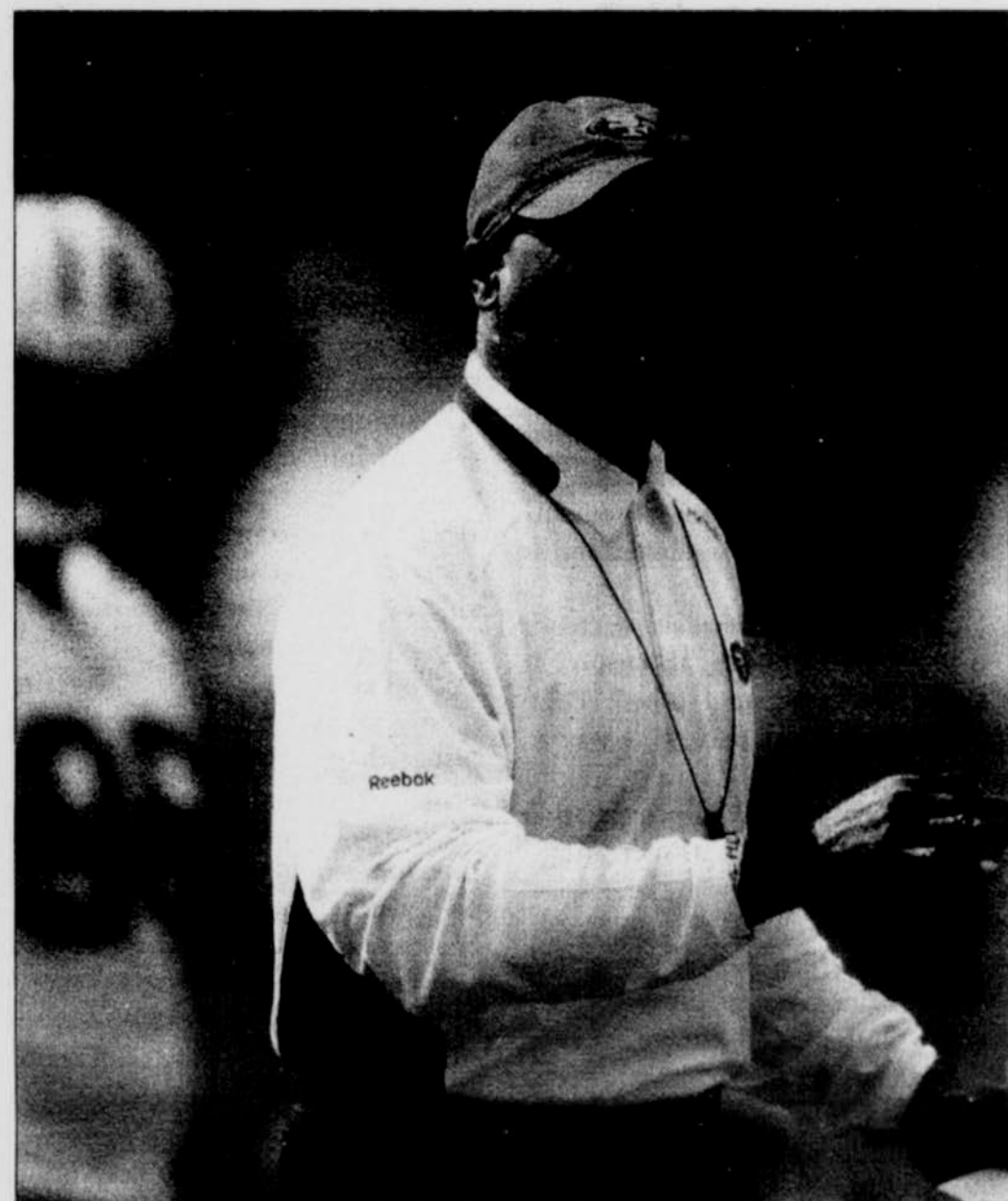
Boiling down the response, it sounded a lot like Singletary saying, "Comfortable with my backups? Let's just pray Alex Smith doesn't get hurt."

Not exactly a rousing vote of confidence for Carr and Nate Davis.

Of course, Singletary had already put Davis on alert eight days earlier, when he verbally battered the second-year QB after what had looked to the rest of the world like a decent performance against the Vikings.

"I think he has to get on the same page and really put himself in the position to really compete," was one of the things Singletary said of Davis. "I just think right now that he's competing against himself, I really do. I really

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49ers' head coach Mike Singletary may not be sold on the performance of his backup quarterbacks, but he is still making sure they are protected, taking offensive linemen Mike Lupati and Anthony Davis in the first round of the 2010 NFL draft.

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ing the right group and working hard in the offseason," he said.

Cal Poly opened the season on Aug. 27 against Hawai'i in tournament play. The competition concluded the following day with a match against Long Island.

On Sept. 3, the Mustangs began the home portion of their season against the 2009 WAC regular season champions San Jose State. The Mustangs were 7-1-1 at home last season and hope to continue their home success.

"We love the crowd support. It's a very big advantage for us because we are so comfortable at home," junior forward Morgan Miller said.

The Mustangs' non-conference schedule looks to be one of the toughest as of late, with matches against the University of Arizona, Utah State, Weber State and Pepperdine. The Mustangs will also take on San Diego State — a 2009 NCAA tournament qualifier.

Crozier said playing a tough preseason will prepare his team for a very difficult conference schedule. Miller agreed.

"The experience of playing tougher teams will have us adjusted to play our conference games," she said.

Cal Poly opens conference play at Long Beach State on Oct. 1 and continues its road trip to UC Riverside on Oct. 3.

Then the Mustangs return for a four-match stretch at home. They face UC Irvine on Oct. 8 and then Cal State Northridge on Oct. 10. The home stand continues with Pacific on Oct. 15 and is concluded by a match against non-conference Seattle on Oct. 17.

It's the longest string of home matches all season — a positive break, Hemenez said.

"Home games are always great because it's easier for fans to get to the game when it's at home. When your fans outnumber those of the other team, it gives you confidence," she said.

On Oct. 21 Cal Poly goes back on the road to face Cal State Fullerton and then heads to UC Davis on Oct. 24.

The Mustangs will head back home for a rivalry game against UC Santa Barbara. After losing the Big West tournament title to the Gauchos on penalty kicks, the Mustangs are looking for redemption.

"There's always a rivalry with UCSB; just as much as the men's team. We always want to play our hardest against them," Hemenez said.

Cal Poly ends the regular season with Cal State Bakersfield on Oct.

31. After that comes the conference tournament — which the team expects to win. Crozier and Miller said they have high expectations for the incoming freshmen and have goals to get to the NCAA tournament.

"I don't see why we can't be number one (in our conference)," Miller said.

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## sports

# Men's basketball uses chemistry on the woodwork

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What is the main focus of head coach Joe Callero and the Cal Poly men's basketball team this off-season?

Improvement.

Whether it be on the basketball court, in the classroom or as a community member, Callero said he wants his players to continue to improve in every aspect of their lives.

And they are doing just that.

On the court, the team went 12-19 this past season, compared to 7-21 the season before.

In the classroom, the entire team now has an average grade point average of 2.8, with no one receiving less than a C in any class. Will Donahue, one of the team's leading scorers early last season, was deemed academically ineligible midway through the year; he now has full eligibility.

This might be only fitting for a team constantly reminded by the words "no limits to improvement" displayed on the grease board in the locker room.

The improvement also extends to team cohesiveness. The team has arranged barbecues, hiked Bishop Peak and camped, as a way to bond.

It's a great way to uncover other team members' strengths, creating a mutual respect between the players, Callero said.

"It's putting people in different positions where different guys might be better at something than they are on the basketball court," he said.

If you talk to any member of the team, they all call themselves a family. After seeing the team improve on the court last season, Callero's

techniques prove to be working.

Upperclassmen passed the ball freely to freshmen, sharp shooters passed to the big men; each player had confidence in his teammates.

While playing against South Dakota last season, senior guard Lorenzo Keeler drove to the basket with 32 seconds to spare, and instead of forcing a shot, he made an extra pass to freshman Kyle Odister, who hit a three with a few seconds left on the shot clock — propelling the Mustangs to a win.

However, with Keeler leaving — a player who averaged just over 16 points per game — comes the expectation that the other players will have to step up their game.

Notable players expected to be the new foundation of the squad are guard Shawn Lewis and forward David Hanson — both of whom tallied double digit points per game a season ago. Redshirts Amaury's Fermin and Chris O'Brien may also be asked to step in for lost starters. Also, forward Jordan Lewis, who scored a season-high 16 points against Long Beach State, served as somewhat of a sixth man last season, and may be able to climb his way into the starting lineup this season.

"Whether I'm getting more minutes or not I'm just happy to contribute," Jordan Lewis said.

Jordan Lewis said he has been hitting the weight room and working on quickness and agility. He's also been working on both his jump shot and three-point shot to complement his already tough defense.

However, Jordan Lewis still knows the importance of team chemistry.

"In order for us to be more successful, we (still) have to keep growing as a family," he said.

Or as Callero puts it, improve.



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Men's basketball head coach Joe Callero and his team went 11-18 last season.



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"We're going to play to the strength of our team," offensive playcaller Jeff Grady said. "We've got a lot of speed and a lot of skill. We have the guys in the perimeter and the quarterbacks to get it done. And I know we have the guys to get it done pass protection-wise."

"We're going to find ways to utilize those perimeter guys."

The Bulldogs threw a good chunk of deep balls last season, many with passes set up by faked handoffs to ex-star running back Ryan Mathews.

But with Mathews no longer around, the Bulldogs might try more passes downfield — without the play-action deception — to get the ball to their most experienced playmakers in the senior Wylie and

junior Jamel Hamler.

Colburn, who is in his sixth season in the program, though entering just his second season as a starter, also appears ready to make more plays and not simply be a game manager.

"Ryan Colburn is way ahead of where he was last year," Hill said. "He's really stepped his game up to a very high level. The ability to throw down the field is very impressive."

Will the deep ball supplant the power off-tackle run as Fresno State's signature play?

No. And perhaps never under Hill's watch.

Hill adamantly states smash-mouth running remains the heart and soul of what the Bulldogs want to be known for.

But the deep ball is becoming a favorite among Fresno State play-

ers.

"Who doesn't want to see the deep ball during games," Wylie said.

Anyone watching the 2009 Illinois season finale will remember the bizarre finish when Fresno State offensive lineman Devan Cunningham caught a deflected two-point pass to end Illinois' nightmarish season with a 53-52 loss.

But Mikel Leshoure, who began last season sharing duties with three other running backs, emerged through the latter half of the season and had his best game in the finale, with a career-best 184 rushing yards and one rushing and one receiving touchdown.

Leshoure is the most productive returning player on offense.

Illinois visits Fresno State on Dec. 3 in the 2010 regular-season finale.

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like the kid. There is a lot to like about him, but there is a work ethic that's involved in terms of being a quarterback in the NFL, and he's got to get it."

Local media spent much of the subsequent 48 hours analyzing Singletary's rebuke, wondering if the coach was truly so down on Davis, or whether he was trying to bolster Smith's confidence and/or keep writers off his back regarding the hierarchy at quarterback.

What was surprising Monday was Singletary's tepid endorsement of Carr, the respected ninth-year veteran who is in his third stint as an NFL backup — the other stops were with the Panthers and Giants — after starting for five seasons in Houston.

Later, Carr walked a fine line, doing his best not to contradict his coach while making it clear he'd be comfortable running the 49ers' offense should anything happen to Smith.

"I'd be comfortable with everything," Carr said. "Honestly, if we sit down and we're in a meeting with Alex, I feel very comfortable with the offense and what they have going on, with the matchups they create, just with Delanie (Walker) and Vernon (Davis) and those guys, just what they

can do. ... As far as me going forward, I feel extremely confident with what I can do with this offense."

Carr seemed to think some of the disconnect was caused by the play clock operator at the Oakland Coliseum on Saturday. He and Smith had trouble getting to the line of scrimmage on time, and Singletary said that referee Peter Morelli apologized to him at halftime for the clock operation. It was consistently starting too early, robbing the 49ers of precious time to get a play called.

"You want to get to the line of scrimmage with like 15 seconds," Carr said. "Not get the play at 15 seconds or get out of the huddle there. So it's a tough deal, and when you're trying to learn it and you got a lot of guys rolling through there, you just try to manage it as best you can."

Carr insisted that if the clock had been functioning properly in Oakland, his performance against the Raiders — five possessions, 11 points, 7-of-17 passing for a mere 54 yards — might have looked a lot better.

"Yeah, I mean, I would've felt like I did the first week, really," he said, referring to the first exhibition game at Indianapolis, where he completed 9 of 11 passes for 98 yards and a touchdown.

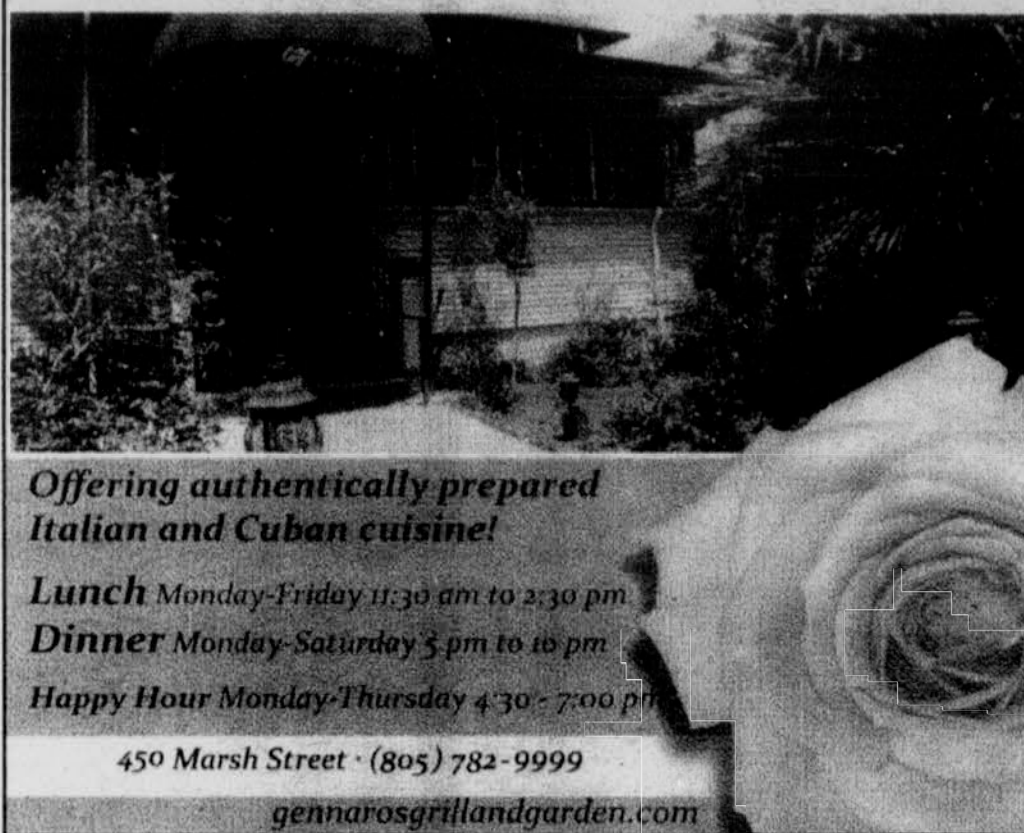
"It was just another obstacle, and as a quarterback you've got to find a

way to overcome it and kind of get the guys going, you know, make sure you don't have too many bad plays," Carr continued.

"We did use too many timeouts. For me, I can't remember a game where I've had to use more than one timeout on alignment or an assignment deal. It's frustrating as a quarterback, because that kind of goes back to you. It's like your huddle. So that stuff will get cleaned up, I have no doubt."

Niners fans should hope so. The jury is still out on Smith, and Davis has somehow found himself in Singletary's doghouse.

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